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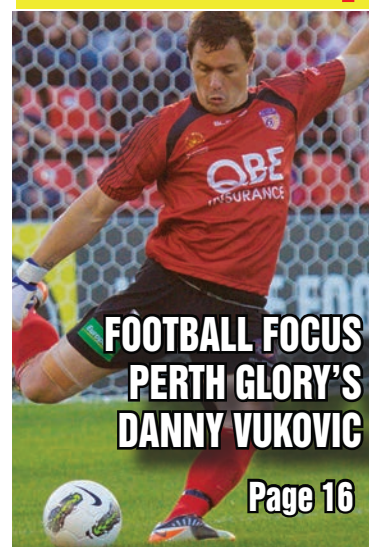
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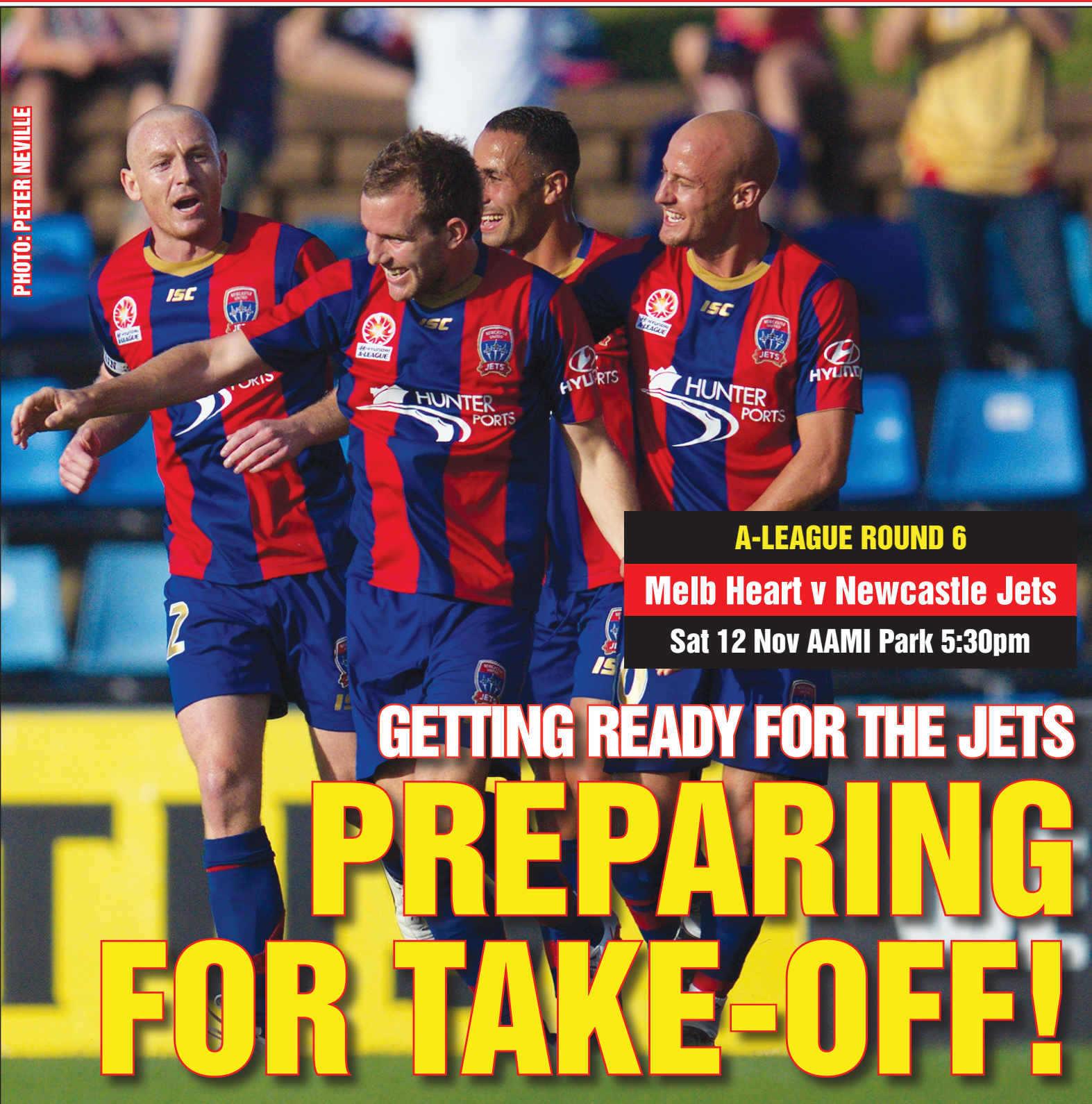
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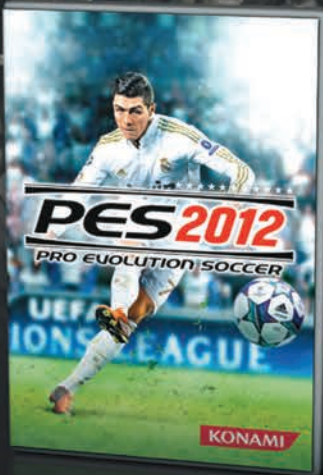


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# Internationals take centre stage

By Sacha Pisani

Another International break is upon us and with it comes an array of mouth-watering fixtures across the globe. Whether it may be the Socceros journey to Brazil, European Championship playoffs, England's poppy clash with Spain or St. Lucia's encounter against Puerto Rico, there is certainly bound to be something to satisfy your football hunger.

The Qantas Socceros hit the road in their quest for Brazil 2014. Brett Emerton and Harry Kewell make their long awaited return to Holger Osieck's squad as Australia prepare for a doubleheader against Oman and Thailand. On the verge of qualifying for the second stage of Asian qualifying, Australia travel to the Middle East and South East Asia knowing they have only tasted defeat once on their travels. That 1-0 loss came in a World Cup qualifier in 2008 against Iraq.

Elsewhere Group D, Frank Rijkaard's Saudi Arabia host both Thailand and Oman in a bid to register their first win in qualifying.

Meanwhile in Asia wins for Jordan, South Korea, Japan, Uzbekistan and Iran will all but ensure a place in the second round of qualifying.

Staying with World Cup qualifying, the South American region serves up an enticing list of matches. On Friday Uruguay welcome Chile to Montevideo, all eyes will be on Argentina when they play host to winless Bolivia, Columbia take on Venezuela and Ecuador travel to Paraguay. Tuesday sees Columbia host Argentina, Ecuador entertain Peru, Chile return home to play Paraguay and Venezuela make their way home to play Bolivia.

Across to the Concacaf region where the second round of qualifying will conclude by the end of next week. El Salvador, Guyana, Panama, Canada, Guatemala and Antigua & Barbuda are all currently at the summit of their groups with two games remaining. The 1st placed side from every group progresses to the third round of qualifying which consists of twelve teams (three groups of four teams).

## Socceroo Matches

2014 FIFA World Cup

Asian Qualifiers

Third Round Match Day 4

Oman v Qantas Socceros

Friday 11 November, 2011

Sultan Qaboos Stadium,

Muscat, Oman

Kick Off: 6.00pm local

(Sat 12 Nov 1:00am AEDT)

2014 FIFA World Cup

Asian Qualifiers

Third Round Match Day 5

Thailand v Qantas Socceros

Tuesday 15 November, 2011

Supachalasai Stadium,

Bangkok, Thailand

Kick Off: 6.00pm local

(10:00pm AEDT)

Both matches will be broadcast live and exclusive throughout Australia by FOX SPORTS.

In Africa, the first round of qualifying takes place this week with twelve two-legged ties between the lowest ranked African nations. The twelve winners progress to the second round of qualifying which will commence on June 1, 2012 and conclude on September 10, 2013.

Next year's European Championships are barely seven months away and all but four spots have been decided. Co-hosts Poland and Ukraine qualified automatically while Spain, Germany, Russia, Italy, France, Holland, Greece, England, Denmark and Sweden have also booked their places at Euro 2012. The four remaining positions will be contested over a two-leg playoff on November 11 and 15 between the eight teams that finished second in their respective groups.

A World Cup 2010 playoff rematch will take place when Portugal lock horns with Bosnia. This fixture two years ago saw the Portuguese narrowly prevail 2-0 (1-0 in both games) on aggregate and it's set to be another close tussle



The Socceros take on Oman in the quest for World Cup glory later tonight (Sat 12 Nov KO 1am AEDT). The teams last met in October in Sydney and the Socceros ran out convincing winners by 3-0.

Photo: GEOFF JONES

between two sides blessed with a wealth of attacking talent.

In the 2008 European Championships, Turkey and Croatia locked horns in a memorable quarterfinal, which the Turks went on to win in a penalty shootout. These two historic nations will do battle yet again to secure a place in Poland/Ukraine.

The new kids on the block, Montenegro have continued to gain admirers during recent qualifying campaigns and will need to be at their best against a resilient Czech Republic outfit who boast the likes of Petr Cech and Milan Baros within their ranks.

The other fixture pits Ireland against surprise packets, Estonia. The Irish will be hopeful of avenging their controversial World Cup 2010 playoff heartache

while the Estonians, against all odds, will be looking to continue their fairy tale run.

If you don't fancy Euro 2012 or World Cup qualifiers then there is a tremendous amount of International friendlies taking place over the course of the weekend. The England v Spain match on Saturday night has been the most publicised and talked about because of various reasons. John Terry's recent racism investigation has caused quite a debate amongst fans and experts on whether the Chelsea captain should line up against the Spanish. Another talking point has been the FA's determination to see poppies displayed on the England shirt, much to the dismay of FIFA however both parties have come to a compromise. The governing body has allowed

England players to display poppies on the back of their black armbands.

In some of the other International friendlies, Germany enjoy a double header against Euro 2012 co-host Ukraine and the Netherlands, 2006 World Cup winner Italy clash with both Poland and Uruguay, Holland do battle with Switzerland at the Amerstam Arena, Wales take on Norway while Melbourne Victory's own Carlos Hernandez can look forward to a thrilling game with Costa Rica against Spain at the Estadio Ricardo Sapriisa Ayma on Wednesday morning.

Brace yourselves for an action-packed weekend of football.

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## Group D Standings

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Australia	3	3	0	0	8	2	6	9
Thailand	3	1	1	1	4	2	2	4
Saudi Arabia	3	0	2	1	1	3	-2	2
Oman	3	0	1	2	0	6	-6	1

## International Fixtures

Friday, 11 November 2011

FIFA World Cup African Qualifying

Djibouti v Namibia  
Chad v Tanzania, R1  
Comoros v Mozambique  
Equatorial Guinea v Madagascar  
Sao Tome e Principe v Congo  
Eritrea v Rwanda  
Guinea-Bissau v Togo  
Seychelles v Kenya  
Swaziland v Congo DR  
Lesotho v Burundi

European Championship Qualifying

Bosnia-Herzegovina v Portugal  
Turkey v Croatia  
Czech Republic v Montenegro  
Estonia v Rep of Ireland

International Match

Georgia v Moldova  
Albania v Azerbaijan  
Greece v Russia  
Hungary v Liechtenstein  
Denmark v Sweden  
Netherlands v Switzerland  
Belgium v Romania  
Poland v Italy  
Ukraine v Germany  
Cyprus v Scotland  
France v USA

Saturday, 12 November 2011

FIFA World Cup African Qualifying

Somalia v Ethiopia

International Match

Slovenia v Mexico  
Panama v Costa Rica  
Mexico v Serbia  
South Africa v Ivory Coast  
Wales v Norway  
England v Spain

Monday, 14 November 2011

International Match

Honduras v Serbia  
Brazil v Egypt

Tuesday, 15 November 2011

FIFA World Cup African Qualifying

Madagascar v Equatorial Guinea  
Kenya v Seychelles  
Tanzania v Chad  
Burundi v Lesotho  
Rwanda v Eritrea  
Congo DR v Swaziland  
Congo v Sao Tome e Principe  
Togo v Guinea-Bissau  
Mozambique v Comoros  
Namibia v Djibouti

European Championship Qualifying

Croatia v Turkey  
Montenegro v Czech Republic  
Rep of Ireland v Estonia  
Portugal v Bosnia-Herzegovina

International Match

Bahrain OFF Australia  
Cyprus v Azerbaijan  
Greece v Romania  
Luxembourg v Switzerland  
Macedonia v Albania  
Poland v Hungary  
Ukraine v Austria  
Slovenia v USA  
Denmark v Finland  
Germany v Netherlands  
Italy v Uruguay  
England v Sweden  
France v Belgium  
Costa Rica v Spain

# Supermac inspires Young Socceros

The Qantas Young Socceros have finished their AFC U-19 Championship qualification campaign with a clinical 3-0 win over China PR at the MBPJ Stadium in Kuala Lumpur.

In hot and sunny conditions, the Qantas Young Socceros turned on a clinical and professional display to finish the tournament with maximum points at the top of group G.

The Qantas Young Socceros' intent was evident from the start as they set out to upset China's rhythm. In the 3rd minute, Anthony Proia made a good run down the left wing and pulled the ball back for Terry Antonis who was not able to keep his side-foot shot from skying over the bar. Anthony then turned provider and passed to Ryan Edwards whose fierce shot was somehow turned on to the post by Han Rongze in the China goal.

China's midfield then began to link well with their lone forward, Wang Shanguan, forcing the Qantas Young Socceros goalkeeper, Jack Duncan, to make a good save to keep the scores level. However, the Qantas Young Socceros midfield of Antonis, Edwards, Reece

Caira and Jamie Maclaren were beginning to dominate their counterparts.

China were looking dangerous on the counter but the Qantas Young Socceros continued to pressure the Chinese, and on one occasion Proia fed Maclaren whose shot went over the bar. Just as it looked like the teams would go into the break scoreless, the Qantas Young Socceros midfield produced a slick passing move that had become their trademark at this tournament. Maclaren finished off the move with a volley which Rongze could only catch well over the line.

The goal seemed to relax the Qantas Young Socceros and at the beginning of the second half Head Coach Jan Versleijen brought on the speedy Liam Wooding to play on the right wing. China seemed to tire as the Qantas Young Socceros continued to apply the pressure.

In the 48th minute China's Li Songyi brought down Maclaren with a crude tackle and was penalised with a yellow card. From the free kick, Caira sent over a curling cross which was met by Maclaren. His strong header was finished

off by Adam Taggart whose volley was unstoppable.

Shortly afterwards, Antonis and Maclaren both had good efforts saved, and in the 63rd minute Caira, Maclaren and Wooding combined in the best move of the game which resulted in Wooding passing the ball past Rongze to make the score 3-0 and the result very safe for the Qantas Young Socceros.

In the final third of the match, the Qantas Young Socceros played possession football and China was reduced to desperate and crude tackles. In the 75th minute Songyi picked up his second yellow and was shown the red card, and in the 89th minute Sun Zhengao was dismissed for a dangerous sliding tackle on Corey Brown whose introduction by Versleijen caused the Chinese defence further headaches on the left flank.

In his final game in charge as Head Coach of the Qantas Young Socceros, Versleijen was full of praise for his young team which he believes will only get better.

The Qantas Young Socceros and China PR will now go forward to the AFC U-19 Champi-

onship 2012, which will serve as the qualifying event for the 2013 FIFA U-20 World Cup which will be held in the Turkey.

Match Details

Qantas Young Socceros 3 (Jamie Maclaren 39', Adam Taggart 50', Liam Wooding 63')

China 0

Mbj Stadium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Crowd: 400

Qantas Young Socceros Line Up: 18.Jack Duncan (Gk), 2.Josh Brillante (17.Jason Geria 59'), 45.Daniel Petkovski (5.Corey Brown 74'), 3.Connor Chapman, 4.Curtis Good (C), 6.Terry Antonis, 7.Jamie Maclaren, 9.Adam Taggart, 19.Reece Caira, 22.Ryan Edwards, 13.Anthony Proia (44 Liam Wooding 46').

Substitutes Not Used: 8.Jake Barker-Daish, 12.Nicholas Munro (Gk), 28.Aaron Lennox (Gk), 16.Jesse Makarounas, 21.Tom King, 26.Nicholas Ansell, 30.James DONACHIE, 43.Allan WELSH, Yellow Cards: Daniel Petkovski 20', Anthony Proia 45', Jack Duncan 58'. Red Cards: Nil



Supermac: Blackburn Rovers based Aussie scoring sensation Jamie McLaren scored a hat-trick in the 4-1 win over Indonesia to secure qualification during the week..

## 2012 AFC U/19

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
AUSTRALIA	4	4	0	0	20	1	19	12
CHINA P.R.	4	2	1	1	16	3	13	7
INDONESIA	4	2	1	0	7	4	3	7
SINGAPORE	4	0	1	3	0	15	-15	1
MACAU	4	0	1	2	0	20	-20	1

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# SCOREBOARD

TABLE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Brisbane Roar FC	5	4	1	0	15	3	12	13
2 Newcastle Jets FC	5	3	0	2	7	7	0	9
3 Perth Glory FC	5	3	0	2	5	5	0	9
4 Sydney FC	5	2	2	1	6	6	0	8
5 Central Coast Mariners	5	2	1	2	5	5	0	7
6 Melbourne Victory FC	5	1	3	1	4	4	0	6
7 Gold Coast United FC	5	1	2	2	7	9	-2	5
8 Wellington Phoenix FC	5	1	1	3	5	6	-1	4
9 Adelaide United FC	5	1	1	3	4	11	-7	4
10 Melbourne Heart FC	5	0	3	2	5	7	-2	3

THIS WEEK	Week 6	Fixture	Venue	Local	AEDT
	Fri 11 Nov 2011	Adelaide United v Gold Coast United	Hindmarsh Stadium	7:30pm	8:00pm
	Sat 12 Nov 2011	Melbourne Heart v Newcastle Jets	AAMI Park	5:30pm	5:30pm
	Sat 12 Nov 2011	Central Coast Mariners v Melbourne Victory	Bluetongue Stadium	7:45pm	7:45pm
	Sat 12 Nov 2011	Perth Glory v Sydney FC	nib Stadium	7:00pm	10:00pm
	Sun 13 Nov 2011	Brisbane Roar v Wellington Phoenix	Suncorp Stadium	4:00pm	5:00pm

NEXT WEEK	Week 7	Fixture	Venue	Local	AEDT
	Fri 18 Nov 2011	Gold Coast United v Melbourne Heart	Skilled Park	7:00pm	8:00pm
	Sat 19 Nov 2011	Wellington Phoenix v Adelaide United	Eden Park, Auckland	5:00pm	5:30pm
	Sat 19 Nov 2011	Newcastle Jets v Brisbane Roar	Ausgrid Stadium	5:30pm	5:30pm
	Sat 19 Nov 2011	Sydney FC v Central Coast Mariners	Sydney Football Stadium	7:45pm	7:45pm
	Sun 20 Nov 2011	Melbourne Victory v Perth Glory	Etihad Stadium	5:00pm	5:00pm

## ROUND 05 RESULTS

**Melbourne Victory 2**  
(Archie Thompson 10', 21')  
**Brisbane Roar 2**  
(Henrique 6', Thomas Broich 28')

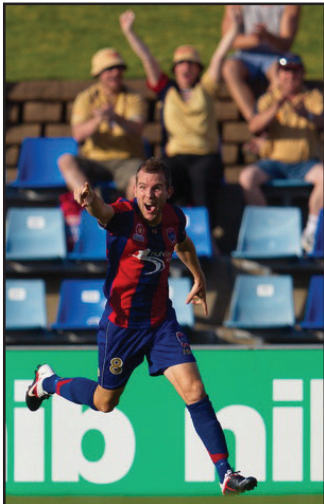
**Adelaide United FC 1**  
(Dilevski 78')  
**Melbourne Heart 1**  
(Hamill 49')

**Wellington Phoenix 1**  
(Greenacre 68')  
**Central Coast Mariners 2**  
(Ibini 47', Simon 80')

**SYDNEY FC 3**  
(Cazarine 60', Carle 63', Kiesel [pen] 90+4')

**GOLD COAST UNITED 2**  
(Rees 22', Macallister 46')

**Newcastle Jets FC 2**  
(J.Brockie 10',11')  
**Perth Glory FC 0**



Newcastle's Jeremy Brockie has started the season with a bang and been in fine form in front of goals.

## TOP GOAL SCORERS

6 - Besart Berisha (Roar)  
3 - Shane Smeltz (Glory), James Brown (Gold Coast), Jeremy Brockie (Jets), Nick Carle (SFC), Henrique (Roar)

## A-LEAGUE TEAM OF THE WEEK ROUND 5

Compiled by Steven Talevski



**GK: Lawrence Thomas** – The young Melbourne Victory goalkeeper was given his debut after a first minute red card to Ante Covic. Despite being beaten by a penalty and a well taken free kick, Thomas made a fantastic string of saves to help nine men Victory to a point.

**RB: Michael Marrone** – The Melbourne Heart defender had a great game at right back and finished playing in the centre of defence after an injury to Brendan Hamill and a red card to Simon Colosimo.

**CB: Rodrigo Vargas** – The central defender stepped up as the Victory went down to nine men to marshal the defence in an impressive draw against Brisbane Roar.

**CB: Michael Thwaite** – Despite the Gold Coast succumbing to defeat in the second half, Thwaite had a good game which was highlighted by a goal line clearance from a Mark Bridge shot.

**LB: Aziz Behich** - The young left back had a solid game for the heart in the defence along with providing a number of runs to cause trouble for the Adelaide defence.

**CDM: Leigh Broxham** – The midfielder proved his critics wrong as he had a terrific match in the centre of midfield for the Victory as he intercepted a number of Brisbane passes.

**RM: Diogo Ferreira** – The youngster made his first appearance for the Victory this season as he assisted in Archie Thompsons first goal and then defended well when forced to play at right back due to the sending off of Matthew Foschini.

**LM: Brett Emerton** – The Socceroo had a fantastic game out on the left for Sydney as he continues to familiarise himself with A-League football.

**CAM: Nick Carle** – Had a great game for Sydney which was capped off with a goal as pundits begin throwing his name into Socceroos selection calculations.

**ST: Archie Thompson** – A fantastic double for the Victory striker showed why he is one of the A-Leagues greatest strikers.

**ST: Jeremy Brockie** – A double within a minute for the Jet has handed Gary Van Egmond some selection headaches as Francis Jeffers and Mark Bridge return to Newcastle.

## Star Man Archie Thompson Melb Victory



Archie Thompson had a fantastic performance for the nine men Victory. His first goal came after going down to ten men when he was able to lob ex-Victory goalkeeper Michael Theoklitos off a volley. Archie Thompson then gave Melbourne the lead as he was able to wiggle his way through the Brisbane defence forcing Michael Theoklitos to be wrong footed as he calmly put the ball in the back of the net.

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Melbourne Victory

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Brisbane Roar

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Match Details

**Melbourne Victory 2**  
(Archie Thompson 10', 21')  
**Brisbane Roar 2**  
(Henrique 6', Thomas Broich 28')

Venue: Etihad Stadium  
Attendance: 24,820  
Referee: Ben Williams

**Melbourne Victory**  
21. Ante Covic, 2. Matthew Foschini, 3. Fabio, 6. Leigh Broxham, 10. Archie Thompson, 12. Rodrigo Vargas, 13. Diogo Ferreira, 15. Tom Pondeljak (20. Lawrence Thomas, 2), 16. Carlos Hernandez (18. Danny Allsopp 71'), 22. Harry Kewell, 23 (14. Billy Celestki 64'), Adrian Leijer.

Unused substitutes: 11. Marco Rojas

Yellow cards: Carlos Hernandez 8', Adrian Leijer 27', Daniel Allsopp 79', Archie Thompson 90+3  
Red cards: Ante Covic 2', Matthew Foschini 37'

**Brisbane Roar**  
1. Michael Theoklitos, 2. Matt Smith, 3. Shane Stefanutto, 4. Matt Jurman, 5. Ivan Franjic, 6. Erik Paartalu, 7. Besart Berisha, 8. Massimo Muroccia, 10. Henrique (11. Issey Nakajima-Farran 64'), 17. Mitch Nichols (18. Luke Brattan 71'), 22. Thomas Broich

Unused substitutes: 20. Andrew Redmayne, 16. Mohamed Adnan

Yellow cards: Besart Berisha 71', Luke Brattan 90'.  
Red cards: Nil.

# Victory hold Roar against odds

By Daniel Quinn

A 9-man Melbourne Victory have held Brisbane Roar to a 2-2 draw at Etihad Stadium on Saturday night.

Brisbane Roar travelled to Etihad Stadium with an unchanged line-up from their 7-1 smashing of Adelaide United. Melbourne Victory made one change with Diogo Ferreira replacing Jean Carlos Solorzano who didn't even make the bench.

The action started immediately with Adrian Leijer in possession but Bersart Berisha stole it off him and went one-on-one with Victory 'Keeper Ante Covic. Covic took out Berisha after the Albania striker rounded him and Covic was sent off and a penalty was given. Lawrence Thomas was brought on for Tommy Pondeljak for his A-League debut. Henrique stepped up a sent Thomas the wrong way but Berisha encroached in the box so the penalty would have to be re-taken. Henrique's second attempt was perfect even though Thomas chose the right way.

On 10 minutes Archie Thompson gave Melbourne Victory the equaliser with a brilliant chip after Diogo Ferreira played Thompson through. Brisbane dominated possession through the early stages of the first-half and Henrique and Nichols had shots blocked and put wide between the thirteenth and twentieth minutes.

On 21 minutes 10-men Victory were in front when Archie Thompson tore Matthew Jurman inside out on multiple times before beating Michael Theoklitos. Harry Kewell played a great ball for Thompson after Henrique fell over.

The second-half was showcasing a delightful game when Adrian Leijer fouled an opposition player on 26 minutes. Thomas Broich scored a great free kick as the ball went under the wall. Young Victory 'keeper had no chance.

On 29 minutes Broich was in the action once again as he hit the post after Henrique made a brilliant run down the right. Two minutes later after Archie Thompson had the ball stolen Mitch Nichols played through Henrique who chipped the 'keeper. Adrian Leijer saved the day for Melbourne Victory with a goal-line clearance.

On 37 minutes Matthew Foschini was controversially sent off by referee Ben Williams as his late, clumsy challenge was given a red, a harsh call. Mehmet Durakovic stated that they will decide on Monday if they are going to appeal Foschini's red card. The game was tied 2-2 at half-time.

The second-half had a lot to live up to and it didn't. Victory was down to 9 and Brisbane dominated the possession with Victory parking the bus with Thompson as the only man up front. On 62 and 63 minutes both

teams had chances through Vargas and Stefanutto.

Harry Kewell and Carlos Hernandez had ran their legs off in midfield and both were replaced by 71 minutes. But it was Brisbane who had a chance to take the lead through Bersart Berisha whose flick was blocked. Brisbane again on 87 minutes had a chance to win it through Broich but his powerful shot just went wide. Three minutes into stoppage time Matthew Jurman for Brisbane had a fantastic header saved my young 'keeper Thomas. 2-2 it finished at Etihad Stadium.

Ange Postecoglou voiced his opinion of the night after the game, "it was a weird old night, a crazy night actually. It was a bit chaotic in the first-half and frustrating in the second-half."

Archie Thompson believes that the performance could be the catalyst for the club was looking for, "hopefully we can take the performance tonight into the rest of the season."



Harry Kewell shows his delight after Archie Thompson found the back of the net twice to rock the champs. Photo: ANITA MILAS

Melbourne Victory Match Stats		
4	Saves	1
4	Attempts on target	6
2	Attempts off target	14
39%	Possession	61%
3	Corners	7
2	Offsides	0
10	Fouls committed	8



Victory's Ante Covic heads for an early bath as second string goalkeeper Lawrence Thomas prepares for a unexpected baptism of fire. Photo: ANITA MILAS



The Victory are up in arms after Matthew Foschini gets his marching orders and the odds are now truly stacked against them. Photo: ANITA MILAS

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Wellington Phoenix

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Match Details

Wellington Phoenix 1 (Greenacre 68')  
Central Coast Mariners 2 (Ibini 47', Simon 80')

Referee: Gerard Parsons

Wellington Phoenix: 20. Tony Warner (Gk), 2. Manny Muscat, 3. Tony Lochhead, 4. Brent Griffiths, 6. Tim Brown, 7. Leo Bertos (12. Nick Ward 66'), 9. Chris Greenacre, 11. Daniel Cortes (13. Nick Tsattalios 81'), 21. Dani Sanchez, 22. Andrew Durante, 24. Alex Smith

Subs Not Used: 1. Mark Paston (Gk), 15. Cameron Lindsay  
Yellow Cards: None  
Red Cards: None

Central Coast Mariners: 1. Mathew Ryan (Gk), 2. Daniel Mcbreen, 3. Joshua Rose, 4. Pedj Bojic, 6. Patrick Zwaanswijk, 8. Rostyn Griffiths, 9. Bernie Ibini (12. Troy Hearfield 73'), 11. Oliver Bozanic (16. Brad Porter 90 + 2), 14. Michael McGlinchey, 18. Alex Wilkinson (C), 19. Matt Simon (22. Mustafa Amini 87')

Subs Not Used: 20. Justin Pasfield (Gk)  
Yellow Cards: Bozanic 11'  
Red Cards: None

# Through the wind and the rain

By Joe Gallagher

There was more wind than goal-mouth action tonight as Wellington Phoenix slumped to their third successive loss and their second in a row at home after an uninspiring 2-1 loss to Central Coast Mariners.

Phoenix coach Ricki Herbert was forced to send all available 15 players into his match day squad, forced into replacing the suspended Ben Sigmund with Brent Griffiths, a swap helped somewhat by the timely return of Manny Muscat at right-back. Mariners coach Graham Arnold played an unchanged team to that which defeated Perth Glory last Saturday night.

A poor first half was forgotten three minutes into the second half when Bernie Ibini latched onto a pinpoint Matt Simon cross to put the Mariners in front. It was one of the first genuine chances of the match and was greeted with a collective groan from a small but noisy Yellow Fever contingent.

Wellington were on terms twenty minutes later when Chris Greenacre connected to a great through ball from Dani Sanchez and slid the ball past Matt Ryan in the Mariners' goal. Barely deserving of a draw, it looked as if Greenacre had rescued a point for Herbert's men. But it was not to be, as Simon again popped up in the front third to beat Tony Warner from short range and score what turned out to be the winner in the 80th min-



Pedj Bojic (Mariners) and Tony Lochhead (Phoenix) go toe-to-toe as Leo Bertos waits to pounce. Photo: PETER McDONALD

ute. The win moves Central Coast above Wellington into fourth spot in the A-League ladder, for the time being at least.

It's a very different story for the Phoenix, whose promising start to the season is long gone. Despite failing to pick up points against Perth and Melbourne Victory in the fortnight leading up to this match, Wellington had been creating chance after chance. There was no such endeavour tonight. When the

delivery of the final ball from Wellington's wingers – Leo Bertos and Daniel – was not poor, there was nobody in the middle to receive it. Perhaps their best moment of a dull first half was an extremely long succession of passes inside their own half which led – invariably – to a poor final delivery.

To compound their misery was the excellent showing of Troy Hearfield – an ex-Phoenix utility – off the bench for the Mariners which

included the assist to Simon's winner. It is the second time in a week a Phoenix old boy has shone at Westpac Stadium, after Marco Rojas' exploits on Sunday.

But for Arnold and Central Coast, it's their second win on the trot, and the same set of scorers. More importantly it proves that the Mariners can win ugly and will give them huge confidence going into their game against Victory next weekend. Simon, who went nine

Match Stats		
6	Saves	0
3	Attempts on target	7
7	Attempts off target	9
52%	Possession	48%
5	Corners	5
3	Offsides	3
14	Fouls committed	15

matches without scoring, has now scored two in a week – his short goal drought seemingly over.

But Wellington will have to pick themselves up and travel to Brisbane Roar, knowing full well the size of the mountain required to win against the champions, especially when they're struggling to score goals. With a restless Yellow Fever crying out for the Phoenix's new owners to open the chequebooks to sign a new striker, there will be all sorts of pressure on Wellington's attackers next week – almost as much as that will be placed on their defence – in Queensland.

And so both sides leave Wellington with very different prospects. For the Phoenix, they embark on a three week road trip which includes a 'home' game in Auckland sitting precariously on the league table. But for the Mariners, they leave Wellington will full points for the second time in a row, and will be in high spirits as they look to stay in touch with this season's early pacesetters.



Boots 'N All: Tim Brown solidiers on with bandaged head gear as Alex Wilkinson makes his presence felt. Photo: PETER McDONALD



Phoenix's Leo Bertos gets a close shave from Pedj Bojic's pass. Photo: PETER McDONALD

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Newcastle Jets

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Perth Glory

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**Match Details**  
Newcastle Jets FC 2 (J.Brockie 10', 11')  
Perth Glory FC 0  
Saturday 5th November 5pm  
Ausgrid Stadium 12,383  
Referee: Strebre Delovski

**Newcastle Jets Line Up:** 1. Ben Kennedy (Gk), 2. Taylor Regan, 4. Nikolai Topor-Stanley, 7. Kasey Wehrman, 8. Jeremy Brockie (25. Jacob Pepper 90'), 10. Ruben Zadkovich (17. James Virgili 79'), 11.Tarek Elrich, 12. Jobe Wheelhouse (C), 13. Sung-Hwan Byun, 23. Ryan Griffiths, 24 Francis Jeffers (14. Labinot Haliti 67').

Yellow Cards: Regan, Byun  
Red Cards: None  
Substitutes Not Used: 19. Mathew Nash (Gk).

**Perth Glory LiNe Up:** 1. Daniel Vukovic (Gk), 3. Seb Van Den Brink, 4. Billy Mehmet (27. Andrezinho 45'), 6. Chris Coyne, 7. Jacob Burns (C), 8. Adam Hughes, 9. Shane Smeltz, 10. Liam Miller, 13. Travis Dodd, 17. Todd Howarth, 19. Joshua Risdon.

Substitutes Not Used: 14. Steven McGarry, 30. Lewis Italiano (Gk)  
Yellow Cards: Risdon, Smeltz, Coyne, Mitchell.  
Red cards: None

# Brockie Blitz takes the Glory

By Shaun Dyas

A quick fire double from Jeremy Brockie has fired the Newcastle Jets to a deserved 2-0 victory over the Perth Glory in front of 12,383 fans at Ausgrid Stadium.

In a match that heralded the return of English striker Francis Jeffers to the Jets line up, it was his fellow attacker who took all the plaudits.

Brockie took his first goal superbly in the 10th minute. Jets captain Jobe Wheelhouse spun around and chipped a classy through ball into the path of the kiwi striker. Brockie only had one thought on his mind and quickly drove down on the goal of Danny Vukovic and unleashed a drive that beat the keeper and flew into the top corner.

Just as the fans resumed their seats, the home side had gone two up. Ruben Zadkovich laid a neat back heel off for impressive midfielder Kasey Wehrman. Wehrman dinked a ball to Brockie whose first touch beat Bas Van Den Brink easily and he slammed his shot low and hard past Vukovic from 10 yards.

In what was turning out to be one of those games for Brockie, he could have had a hat trick inside 15 minutes. A corner was curled in by Wehrman and was only half cleared by the Glory defence. The ball fell for Brockie on his left foot but he snatched at the chance and blazed his left foot drive over the crossbar.

Perth were then gifted their first chance of the contest. The Jets were lazy playing the ball out from the back and Nikolai Topor-Stanley passed the ball straight into the path of Billy Mehmet. The striker quickly shot but his effort was stopped by a combination of Taylor Regan and Jets goalkeeper Ben Kennedy.

The Jets almost extended their lead in the 32nd minute. Newcastle right back Tarek Elrich, playing easily his best match of the season, bombed forward and curled in a wicked cross for Jets wide man Ryan Griffiths. Griffith's header across Vukovic left the keeper stranded and he could only watch on. Fortunately for the keeper and his team, the header from 12 yards just cleared the crossbar.

The game then settled into a familiar pat-



Double trouble: Jeremy Brockie is the hero of the hour with a well taken double that has the Jets flying high once again. Photo: PETER NEVILLE

tern of Newcastle possessing the ball as the Glory chased and harried but found it hard to gain any possession. The half time interval is what they needed to reassess and it duly arrived without any further chances.

In an effort to liven up his side, Glory manager Ian Ferguson brought on flashy Brazilian winger Andrezinho for the ineffectual Mehmet. The Glory started to gain a foothold in the second half but switched off momentarily and had their keeper to thank for saving them.

The Jets were awarded a free kick about 40 metres from goal. Everyone stopped except

Wehrman and Jeffers and it was the Englishman that latched onto Wehrman's through ball. His snap shot was well directed but was brilliantly pawed away by Vukovic and away for a corner.

Shane Smeltz almost pulled the Glory back into the contest with a moment of individual brilliance in the 61st minute. The ball fell for the world cup goal scorer on the edge of the Jets penalty area. He bent an effort to Kennedy's left and beat the keeper, but the crossbar saved the home side from conceding.

An incident between Regan and Smeltz a

minute later led to both players being yellow carded. The striker committed a lazy tackle from behind on the young defender to which he took exception. The players then squared up and it appeared that Smeltz slightly head butted his younger opponent. Due to FIFA rules though it is unlikely that anything else will occur as the situation will be deemed as having been dealt with during the game.

The Jets could have added to their tally in the latter stages but were denied by inspired goalkeeping from Vukovic and desperate defending from the Glory backline.

Perth Defender Chris Coyne summed up

the feeling after the game.

"We were just beaten by a better team on the day," he said.

Newcastle manager Gary Van Egmond was pleased with the result and performance but feels his team could still do more.

"From the first whistle they were on, it was a fantastic start but if we are to be critical of ourselves, we could have gone on with it a little bit more," he said.



The Jets now travel away to face the Melbourne Heart at AAMI Park on Saturday evening with Perth to host Sydney FC on the same day.



Ryan Griffiths shows some true minefield's grit against Glory's Joshua Risdon. Photo: PETER NEVILLE



Francis Jeffers makes a return to the A-League in Jets colours. Photo: PETER NEVILLE

Match Stats		
		
1	Saves	3
5	Attempts on target	2
6	Attempts off target	6
47%	Possession	53%
5	Corners	7
0	Offsides	2
12	Fouls committed	17



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Adelaide United

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Melbourne Heart

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Match Details

**Adelaide United Fc 1 (Dilevski 78')**  
**Melbourne Heart 1 (Hamill 49')**  
Referee: Jarred Gillett  
Crowd: 10,294 @ Hindmarsh Stadium

**Adelaide United Line-Up:** 1.Eugene Galekovic (Gk), 4.Jon McKain (C), 6.Cassio, 7.Zenon Caravella, 8.Evgeniy Levchenko (21.Francisco Usucar 39'), 9.Sergio Van Dijk, 10.Dario Vidosic, 11.Bruce Djite (23.Andy Slory 66'), 14.Cameron Watson (16.Spase Dilevski 72'), 17.Iain Ramsay, 22.Milan Susak

Substitutes Not Used: 20.Mark Birighitti (Gk)  
Yellow Cards: Levchenko 37', Caravella 44', Ramsay 63', McKain 83'  
Red Cards: Nil

**Melbourne Heart Line-Up:** 1.Clint Bolton (Gk), 2.Michael Marrone, 3.Brendan Hamill (17.Jason Hoffman 67'), 4.Simon Colosimo, 6.Matt Thompson (C), 10.Wayne Srhoj, 11.Alex Terra (5.Fred 55'), 13.Jonatan Germano, 15.David Williams (9.Maycon 80'), 16.Aziz Behich, 23.Mate Dugandzic

Substitutes Not Used: 30.Sebastian Mattei (Gk)  
Yellow Cards: Williams 9', Colosimo 25/77', Behich 53'  
Red Cards: Colosimo 77'

By Nat Adamopoulos

What was touted to be Adelaide United's redemption match against Melbourne Heart at Hindmarsh Stadium, ended in the homieside settling for a 1-1 draw and shared points, goals coming from Brendan Hamill scoring for the visitors in the 49th minute and Spase Dilevski finding the net in the 78th minute, just 6 minutes after coming on for Cameron Watson.

While it may not have been the preferred result for Reds Coach Rini Coolen, it was a somewhat less than impressive display of football in the first half by the homieside who had promised their fans they would give them more this time round. But with coming off an embarrassing 7-1 defeat against reigning champions the week before, and announcements of this being a redemption match being the talk of the town leading into the game, the promises were left unfulfilled and fans were left still asking questions with what is happening with their hometown side's underperformance. Coming into the match United held the advantage in head to heads between the two sides, with two wins to Heart's one., but that one being a snatched 2-1 victory late in the match.

The game didn't exactly start with sizzling pace with the first ten minutes looking like indeed it was the bottom two sides competing. The Heart were without injury replacement signing Adrian Madaschi whose clearance failed to arrive in time but did have the services of club captain Fred on the bench for the clash after having recovered from a strained hamstring that had kept him out of the last two drawn round. With United's striker Bruce Djite also recovering from injury and being available, the Reds Boss made three changes to his starting eleven that went down



Brendan Hamil (out of picture) unleashes a super strike to put the Heart 1-0 up against the Reds. Photo: ADAM BUTLER

to the Roar in Brisbane, giving him an unprecedented choice of 3 attackers to start with. But the trident attack that fans were anticipating was not there early in the match and as Hearts started to find their feet in the game they closed in on United, pressuring each player and forcing the home side to play a very defensive and non attacking style of football. There were moments of encouragement with Djite having several shots at goal being just off target. But the Reds real chance came in the 25th minute when Captain Jon McKain was denied his name on the scorecard when he rose up and put in a powerful header from a Dario Vidosic corner that was cleared right on the goal line by a reflex left foot of

Hearts midfielder Aziz Behich. It was a game where Lady Luck was not playing with Coolen, being prevalent several times within the match, the first when he was forced to make an early change just six minutes from the half time whistle, bringing on Francisco Usucar for midfielder Evgeniy Levchenko and his injured calf. Right on half time the Reds cries of hand ball were disregarded by referee Jarrad Gillett much to the disgust of the 10,294 fans, booing the custodian of the whistle off the park for the half time break.

As far as cliché's go, it was a game of two halves with the second being injected with life as Hearts were looking for their first win of the season, defender Brendan Hamill opening up the scoring

in the 49th minute as he charged at a retreating Adelaide defence and struck with a shot from outside the box that kept low and beat the surefire Adelaide United stopper Eugene Galekovic. With 25 minutes remaining, Coolen then introduced a fresh Andy Slory up front for a tiring Djite, which did inject some lift into the side. Vidosic came close to bringing the match level with a shot from a Bolton parry, his shot curving wide of the post. But the game turned in the 76th minute with the sending off of Hearts Simon Colosimo, given his marching orders for a second yellow card for a tug on the shirt of Reds attacker Andy Slory just on the edge of the penalty area. The breakthrough for the Reds came from the free kick

Match Stats		
2	Saves	3
7	Attempts on target	6
8	Attempts off target	9
52%	Possession	48%
5	Corners	6
1	Offsides	4
19	Fouls committed	12

taken superbly by Cassio that was saved by Heart's keeper Clint Bolton, only for the save to land at Dilevski's feet, the defender guiding the ball over the grounded Bolton for the opportunistic goal. The goal seemed to give the side the much needed burst of confidence they so much needed as they went in search for the killer blow, the endeavours of Slory, Vidosic and van Dijk all testing the Hearths side. A rampaging Iain Ramsay had the final chance of giving his side victory with a long range shot that flew just over the bar in injury time, Lady Luck again showing the homieside the win wasn't to be.

Adelaide United coach Rini Coolen said the draw was a step in the right direction for his club.

"Of course it's always disappointing if you don't win a game, you prefer to win a game to take some steps up the ladder and to work on confidence. At the end of the day I think we deserved a little bit more. At least we have something to work with."

The Reds will be back at Hindmarsh Stadium again Friday night for the rescheduled Week 6 fixture against Gold Coast United who are still licking their wounds after a devastating defeat at Sydney Football Stadium on Sunday. With both sides looking to better their results from last weekend, this looks to be a most interesting match.



Adelaide United's Spase Dilevski pulls the home side back on level terms after reacting first to a spilled free-kick. Photo: ADAM BUTLER



Heart's Michael Marrone gets the jump on Adelaide United's Ian Ramsey and Cassio. Photo: ADAM BUTLER

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Sydney FC



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Gold Coast United



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Match Details

**SYDNEY FC 3**  
(Cazarine 60', Carle 63', Kisel [pen] 90+4')  
**GOLD COAST UNITED 2**  
(Rees 22', Macallister 46')  
HT: 0-1  
Referee: Peter Green  
Venue: Sydney Football Stadium  
Crowd: 11,051.

**Sydney FC:**  
1.Liam Reddy [gk], 3.Jamie Coyne (2.Sebastian Ryall 82'), 4.Pascal Bosschaart, 5.Michael Beauchamp, 6.Hirofumi Moriyasu (9.Bruno Cazarine 46'), 7.Brett Emerton, 8.Karol Kisel, 10.Nick Carle, 15.Terry McFlynn (c), 19.Mark Bridge, 21.Scott Jamieson.

Unused subs: 20.Ivan Necevski [gk], 23.Rhyan Grant.  
Yellow cards: Bosschaart 20', McFlynn 67', Emerton 79', Carle 88'.  
Red cards: None.

**Gold Coast United:**  
1.Glen Moss [gk], 3.Michael Thwaite (c), 5.Kristian Rees, 6.Paul Beekmans, 8.Robson, 12.Dylan Macallister, 15.Adama Traore (27.Ambes Yosief 49'), 16.Maceo Rigters (14.Ben Halloran 75'), 18.James Brown, 22.Peter Jungschlager, 23.Dylan McGowan.

Unused subs: 20.Jerrad Tyson [gk], 29.Mitch Bevan.  
Yellow cards: McGowan 81', Beekmans 89'.  
Red cards: None.

By Mike Salter

Sydney FC provided their fans with a late show once more, but this time the last-minute goal sealed all three points for the Sky Blues in a cracking game against Gold Coast United at the SFS. In the absence of young star Terry Antonis, Hiro Moriyasu was handed a rare start for Sydney. Gold Coast United, for their part, fielded an unchanged eleven following their win over Newcastle in Round 4.

Neither side managed to impose themselves in a disjointed opening few minutes. Sydney, however, soon began crafting chances. Nick Carle's sharp cutback from the left by-line just eluded Karol Kisel on 12 minutes, and these two combined again a few minutes later when Kisel touched off an inviting free kick to Carle, who blasted his shot into the Gold Coast wall. Then it was Kisel again, timing his run to connect with a Brett Emerton cross from the left; Gold Coast keeper Glen Moss did well to save Kisel's close-range volley.

On 22 minutes, against the run of play, the visitors opened the scoring with a simple set-piece goal. Robson's corner from the right reached Kristian Rees, and the big defender, too loosely marked by Jamie Coyne, planted his header past Liam Reddy.

Mark Bridge, playing alone up front for Sydney, came agonisingly close to an equaliser twice around the half-hour mark. His first effort, a right-footed drive from the edge of the area, required a good save from Moss; the second, a deft lob following a long goalkick upfield, eluded the Goal Coast custodian but was brilliantly cleared off the line by Michael Thwaite. Bridge had another chance on 33 minutes following a corner, but his attempt to deflect Emerton's shot into the goal found Moss alert.

Sydney's spell of pressure continued, and Carle could consider himself very unlucky on 39 minutes, when a sweeping right-wing move ended at his left foot. Unleashing an accurate piledriver from 18 yards, he was dismayed to see the ball deflect wide off Dylan McGowan.



The Sky Blues are ecstatic after completing a remarkable second half comeback and overturn a 0-2 deficit to triumph 3-2 in an exhilarating contest. Photo: KIP HOBSON

Vitezslav Lavicka brought on Bruno Cazarine for Moriyasu at the break, hoping to intensify his side's initiative. The immediate sequel, however, was another goal for the visitors. A fine through-ball from Peter Jungschlager released Dylan McAllister, and the experienced Gold Coast striker rounded Reddy adeptly before finishing well from a narrow angle.

If Sydney FC were demoralised, they did not show it. Soon after the goal they had re-established their territorial dominance, and gradually the chances started to arrive. A superb ball from Kisel released Emerton on the left on 56 minutes, and Mark Bridge just failed to make the most

of the veteran Socceroo's cross. Then, on the hour, the recovery began. From a corner, the ball was cleared to Pascal Bosschaart on Sydney's right. A well-flighted inswinging cross arrived, and Cazarine leapt over the away side's defence to score a trademark headed goal.

Three minutes later, amazingly, the scores were level. This time it was Carle who got forward down the left and back-heeled a neat pass to Bridge; the latter's shot was intercepted, but Carle had continued his run and slammed the loose ball past Moss at his near post. Sydney were briefly back on their heels

when Robson's audacious 30-yard free kick forced a tip-over from Reddy on 67 minutes. McAllister too had a chance soon afterwards, as the game headed for a lively finish. With the minutes ticking away, Sydney undertook a final push. Emerton, whose artful flicks and feints were becoming a torment to the visitors as the game wore on, set up Carle for a shot on 79 minutes, which the Sydney No.10 thundered wide.

In the final five minutes of normal time, a succession of Sydney moves came to a halt just shy of goal, and it looked like Lavicka's men would have to settle for a

point. Nevertheless, just as they had the week before, the men in sky blue saved the last act for injury time.

After a blistering Scott Jamieson shot was acrobatically tipped over by Moss, the ball eventually reached Michael Beauchamp from the corner. A clumsy tackle on the defender by Goal Coast substitute Ambesager Yosief, and referee Peter Green pointed to the spot. Kisel took the responsibility, and made no mistake, sending the ball low into the left-hand corner of the goal. A crucial win for the 2009/10 champions, who thereby lift themselves into fourth place.

Match Stats			
3	Saves		7
14	Attempts on target		5
7	Attempts off target		3
82%	Possession		18%
11	Corners		4
1	Offsides		1
12	Fouls committed		11



Karol Kisel held his nerve to convert a last gasp penalty winner and make the sensational Sydney FC comeback complete. Photo: KIP HOBSON





Line Ups

**Adelaide United:**  
1.Eugene GALEKOVIC (gk)  
3.Nigel BOOGAARD  
4.Jon McKAIN  
5.Daniel MULLEN  
6.CASSIO  
7.Zenon CARAVELLA  
9.Sergio VAN DIJK  
10.Dario VIDOSIC  
11.Bruce DJITE  
14.Cameron WATSON  
16.Spase DILEVSKI  
17.Iain RAMSAY  
21.Francisco USUCAR  
23.Andy SLORY  
39.Nick MUNRO (gk)

**In:** Nigel BOOGAARD (promoted), Daniel MULLEN (promoted), Nick MUNRO (gk) (Adelaide United Youth)  
**Out:** Evgeniy LEVCHENKO (calf – 1-2 weeks), Mark BIRIGHITTI (gk) (on trial in Holland), Milan SUSAK (calf – 1 week)  
Unavailable: Nil

Adelaide United v Gold Coast United

Fri 11 Nov Hindmarsh Stdm 8pm

By Neil Favager

MIRON Bleiberg takes charge of his 100th Hyundai A-League match this Friday night hoping to continue what has been a good record at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Gold Coast have lost just once in four visits to the Reds' home turf and will have fond memories of their most recent outing at Hindmarsh when they took on Rini Coolen's men in last season's Finals Series.

United came out on top that day with a dramatic 3-2 win and advanced to the preliminary final, but this time around it's all about securing three vital points to ease themselves up to a ladder position that Bleiberg and his men believe their performances warrant.

After last week's late capitulation in Sydney, the mood in the United camp has been steely to say the least. Determined to return to action as soon as possible, the Adelaide clash can't come soon enough for Bleiberg's troops and it's an attitude the Gold Coast boss welcomes.

"If the players are eager to play again as quickly as possible then that's what counts. I'm happy that they feel that way and the last thing you want is for disappointment to be hanging around longer than is necessary. The boys are in positive mood and looking forward to the



Points vital for Reds and United

Head-to-Head: All matches (played 7): Adelaide United wins 1, Gold Coast United wins 2  
Odds: AUFC 2.20 Draw 3.30 Gold Coast 3.20

game – there is no Sydney hang-over," Bleiberg said.

"Both Gold Coast United and Adelaide United are in the same boat – points-wise we are underperforming. Adelaide have come under a lot of scrutiny because of the players they signed in the off-season, but for us it's more self-assessment because we believe we are better than our current points total is showing."

United will again be without Joel Porter (calf) and Ante Rozic (knee), but are confident that Adama Traore will recover fully from the corked

thigh that forced him to limp off in Sydney early in the second half.

Gold Coast skipper Michael Thwaite said the trip to Adelaide has come at the perfect time for United and claimed the pressure is on the Reds to perform at home.

"We did a double session yesterday to work on some tactical movement and despite doing that double everyone is really fresh today and keen to play on Friday," Thwaite said.

"The short turnaround is working well for us. We've had enough time to reflect on the Sydney match and

at the same time we're not waiting too long to get back out there.

"I think we can take confidence from a lot of the work we have done in our games and we are going down there to win as always. We're playing some good football and we just have to keep that going.

"Adelaide are under a lot of pressure at the moment, especially as they are at home in front of their own fans, so hopefully we can take advantage of that."

Kiss of Death  
Adelaide 2-1 GCU



Line Ups

**Gold Coast United:**  
1.Glen Moss [gk]  
2.Josh Brillante  
3.Michael Thwaite (c)  
4.Zac Anderson  
5.Kristian Rees  
6.Paul Beekmans  
8.Robson  
10.Tahj Minniecon  
12.Dylan Macallister  
14.Ben Halloran  
15.Adama Traore  
16.Maceo Rigters  
18.James Brown  
20.Jerrad Tyson [gk]  
22.Peter Jungschlager  
23.Dylan McGowan  
28.Daniel Bowles  
29.Mitch Bevan.  
\*three to be omitted\*

**In:** 2.Josh Brillante (return from international duty), 4.Zac Anderson (promoted), 10.Tahj Minniecon (promoted), 28.Daniel Bowles (promoted).  
**Out:** 27.Ambes Yosief (not selected).

Unavailable: 9.Joel Porter (calf – 2 weeks), 13.Ante Rozic (knee – 2 weeks), 19.Chris Broadfoot (ankle injury – 6 weeks).

MELBOURNE HEART



Line Ups

**Melbourne Heart:**  
1.Clint Bolton (gk)  
2.Michael Marrone  
3.Brendan Hamill  
5.Fred ©  
6.Matt Thompson  
7.Rutger Worm  
8.Kristian Sarkies  
9.Maycon  
10.Wayne Srhoj  
11.Alex Terra  
13.Jonatan Germano  
15.David Williams  
16.Aziz Behich  
17.Jason Hoffman  
19.Eli Babalj  
23. Mate Dugandzic  
25.Adrian Madaschi  
30. Sebastian Mattei (gk)

**In:** Rutger Worm, Kristian Sarkies, Eli Babalj, Adrian Madaschi  
**Out:** Simon Colosimo (1 week – red card)

Unavailable: Nick Kalmar – Back (4 weeks), Kamal Ibrahim – Ankle (3 weeks), Kliment Taseski Foot fracture (Long term)

Melbourne Heart v Newcastle Jets

Sat 12 Nov AAMI Park 5:30pm

By John Clark

For the second time in six weeks, the Jets and the Heart meet in what has become a must win match for the home team. In the subsequent month since the Newcastle's 3-2 triumph over the Heart in the opening round of the season, the Jets have seen their superb home form carry them to 2nd on the table. While Jon Van't Schip's men find themselves anchored to the foot of the table, being the only team in the league yet to register a win.

Back in Round 1 the Heart were left devastated when Byun's injury time strike took a wicked deflection before ballooning into the corner of the net. Up until that point the Heart had played some attractive football and took the lead in the first half through Mate Dugandzic. However by half time they were 2-1 down thanks in no small part to the ever dangerous Ryan Griffiths, before Dugandzic once again scored to set the scene for Byun to send the strong home crowd into raptures.

Despite not yet registering a win yet there's been some positive signs for the Heart in the last couple of weeks. For one they have managed to draw there past three matches against Adelaide,



Head-to-Head: All matches (played 4): Melbourne Heart wins 1, Newcastle Jets wins 2 (1draw)  
Odds: Heart 2.40 Draw 3.30 Jets 2.95

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Sydney and Melbourne and really before Simon Colosimo's sending off last week they looked destined to take the three points. Colosimo's red card will mean that the experienced defender will miss this week; however the home side will regain their captain Fred after he missed the previous three weeks with a hamstring strain. Adrian Madaschi should also be given a start with Van't Schip looking to return to a flat back four.

Gary Van Egmond's main concern would be his side's consistency from week to week. The Jets have

managed to string together 3 wins in a row at home, but away from home they have put in two woeful performances against expected cellar dwellers Gold Coast and Wellington. He would however be impressed by his strike force with New Zealand international Jeremy Brockie in the form of his life. Van Egmond is certainly blessed for options up front with Brockie, Griffiths, Haliti, Jeffers, Jesic and the returning Michael Bridges all capable of banging in plenty of goals.

This match should tell us a lot about what these two sides are

capable of achieving this season. Whilst the Jets have been extremely impressive at home, their away form has been extremely poor. The Heart are still winless but apart from their poor performance against Perth they have been a realistic chance of taking three points in all their other matches. Based on the Jets poor away form and Melbourne's desperation to get off the bottom I think the Heart might just edge this contest.

Kiss of Death  
Heart 2-1 Jets



Line Ups

**Newcastle Jets:**  
1. Ben Kennedy (gk)  
2. Taylor Regan  
4. Nikolai Topor-Stanley  
5. Tiago Calvano  
6. Ben Kantarovski  
7. Kasey Wehrman  
8. Jeremy Brockie  
10. Ruben Zadkovich  
11. Tarek Elrich  
12. Jobe Wheelhouse (c)  
13. Sung-Hwan Byun  
14. Labinot Haliti  
17. James Virgili  
18. Marko Jesic  
22. Ali Abbas  
23. Ryan Griffiths  
25. Jacob Pepper  
30. Jack Duncan (gk)  
\*three to be omitted\*

**In:** 5. Tiago Calvano (returns from injured), 6. Ben Kantarovski (returns from calf injury), 18. Marko Jesic , 25. Jacob Pepper, 22. Ali Abbas (all promoted), 30. Jack Duncan (returns from international duty Qantas Young Socceroos)  
**Out:** 10. Ruben Zadkovich (hamstring – 1-2 weeks), 19. Matthew Nash (injured – 1 week)  
Unavailable: Nil

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Line Ups

Central Coast Mariners:  
1. Mathew Ryan (Gk)  
2. Daniel McBreen  
3. Joshua Rose  
4. Pedj Bojic  
5. Brad Porter  
6. Patrick Zwaanswijk  
7. John Hutchinson  
8. Rostyn Griffiths  
9. Bernie Ibini  
10. Adriano Pellegrino  
11. Oliver Bozanic  
12. Troy Hearfield  
14. Michael McGlinchey  
18. Alex Wilkinson  
19. Matt Simon  
20. Justin Pasfield (Gk)  
22. Mustafa Amini  
\*two to be omitted\*

In: 7. John Hutchinson (promoted)  
Out: 15. Brad McDonald (omitted),  
16. Trent Sainsbury (omitted), 17.  
Michael Baird (omitted), 21. Sam  
Gallagher (omitted), 23. Adam  
Kwasnik (omitted)  
Unavailable: Stuart Musialik (Ad-  
ductor – 2 weeks)

CC Mariners v Melbourne Victory

Sat 12 Nov Bluetongue Stdm 7:45pm

By Adrian Deans

Round 5 saw one of the bravest fights ever seen in the A-League. Melbourne Victory's 50 minute Nine Man Ordeal to hold out the best team in the history of the league was the stuff of legends and if Victory are actually to achieve something in Season 7, the 2 – 2 draw against Brisbane will no doubt be identified as the turning point.

But after a performance like that – filled with class in the first half and guts in the second – the Mariners would be the last team they'd want to play next.

The Mariners don't have any super-stars. No Kewells – no Thompsons – not even a Hernandez or a Rojas. Instead, the Mariners, when playing well, are a really solid team with a system that gets results on a regular basis. They didn't start the season well but won ugly against Perth in Round 4, then definitely looked the goods away to Wellington last week. They're still well short of where they were last year but the rhythm and patterns are back. Daniel McBreen is finding the feet of runners in the front third and that is getting the Mariners back in behind defences where they scored so many goals in Season 6. Both Mariners goals against the Phoenix came from the sort of hard low crosses that were constantly turned in last year.

Mariners set for Victory

Odds: Mariners 2.30  
Draw 3.30 Victory 3.10



Radio broadcaster:  
96.3FM Coast FM  
Gosford / 774 ABC  
Melbourne

All matches (played 18):  
Central Coast Mariners  
wins 6, Melbourne Vic-  
tory wins 8 (4 draws)

Of course, the Mariners will only have to play one of the superstars this week – Harry's back in the Socceroos fold so Archie will have to get his service from other sources. On the subject of H Kewell, he's looking much sharper – he had a good game against Wel- lington and played a sublime ball for Thompson's goal that was wrongly disallowed. He followed that up with a really encouraging performance against Brisbane and might just about be ready to absolutely cut loose. Archie Thompson also looked in great nick and his finishing was fabulous against the Roar. He's a lot quicker than anyone in the Mariners' defence

so they'll have to cut off his supply before he has the chance to become lethal.

For the Mariners the threats lie in their systems and combinations. The one touch patterns working the ball wide into the final third were looking far more effective against Wellington. On top of that, Matt Simon and young Bernie Ibini have quickly forged a handy-looking partnership and will test any defence.

With Mustafa Amini itching to get off the bench, the Mariners are looking to improve, but Victory will be without Ante Covic and Matthew Foschini after their red cards, and of course one

Harry Kewell. I expect the Mariners to get two goals, but after having to fight so hard against the Roar and with- out three first team starters, Victory, despite all the guts in the world, may struggle to match them.

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Kiss of Death  
Mariners 2-1 Victory



Line Ups

Melbourne Victory:  
3. Fabio  
4. Petar Franjic  
6. Leigh Broxham  
7. Matthew Kemp  
9. Jean Carlos Solorzano  
10. Archie Thompson (c)  
11. Marco Rojas  
12. Rodrigo Vargas  
13. Diogo Ferreira  
14. Billy Celeski  
15. Tom Pondeljak  
17. Jimmy Jeggo  
18. Danny Allsopp  
20. Lawrence Thomas (GK)  
23. Adrian Leijer  
30. Zaim Zeneli (GK)  
\*one to be omitted\*

In: 7. Matthew KEMP (promoted),  
30. Zaim Zeneli (GK), 4. Petar  
Franjic (promoted), 17. Jimmy Jeggo  
(promoted)  
Out: 2. Matthew Foschini (sus-  
pended – 2 matches), 21. Ante Covic  
(suspended – 1 match), 16.Carlos  
Hernandez (international duty), 22.  
Harry Kewell (international duty)  
Unavailable: 1.Tando Velaphi (stress  
fracture), 8. Grant BREBNER (calf),  
19. Isaka Cernak (groin soreness)



Line Ups

Perth Glory:  
1.Danny VUKOVIC (gk)  
2.Josh MITCHELL  
3.Bas van den BRINK  
4.Billy MEHMET  
6.Chris COYNE  
7.Jacob BURNS (c)  
8.Adam HUGHES  
9.Shane SMELTZ  
10.Liam MILLER  
13.Travis DODD  
14.Steven McGARRY  
15.Tommy AMPHLETT  
17.Todd HOWARTH  
18. Jesse MAKAROUNAS  
19.Josh RISDON  
21.Mile STERJOVSKI  
22. Adam TGGART  
27.ANDREZINHO  
30. Lewis ITALIANO (gk)  
\*four to be omitted\*

In:15.Tommy AMPHLETT, 18.  
Jesse MAKAROUNAS, 21.Mile  
STERJOVSKI, 22.Adam TAGGART  
Out:12.Scott NEVILLE (knee)  
Unavailable: 5.Steve PANTELIDIS  
(Achilles), 11.Victor SIKORA (hip  
– long term injury list), 12.Scott  
NEVILLE (knee), 16.Evan BERGER  
(hamstring – 6-8 weeks), 20.Neil  
Young (abdominal injury)

Perth Glory v Sydney FC

Sat 12 Nov nib Stadium 10:00pm

By Jacob Kagi

Perth Glory will be looking to put a difficult fortnight behind them when they host Sydney FC, but the improved Sky Blues are sure to present a tough test despite the absence of Brett Emerton.

The Glory lost to Central Coast and Newcastle back-to-back on their New South Wales road-trip and lost key defender Scott Neville to a long term knee injury and will be desperate to bounce back against Sydney on Sat- urday at 7pm WST at nib Stadium. Neville faces six months on the side- lines, which is a big blow to the right- back's London Olympics hopes and to Perth's already shaky back four.

Major defensive breakdowns saw Ian Ferguson's side concede two goals to both the Mariners and Jets and will have to improve significantly against a Sydney attack which scored three times in the final 30 minutes to get past Gold Coast last weekend.

Of concern for the Glory will also be their inability to create chances, which has seen them take the fewest total shots this season and put the second fewest attempts on target.

But Ferguson said there is no reason to panic, despite a difficult draw after the Sydney game which sees them play consecutive away games against Melbourne Victory and Brisbane.

"We are not far off. If you saw in the second half, we are not far away," the

Glory awaits Sky Blues

Head-to-Head: All matches (played 18): Glory wins 4, SFC wins 8 (6 draws)  
Odds: Glory 2.35 Draw 3.30 SFC 3.00



Radio broadcaster: 91.3  
Sport FM Perth

Glory coach said.

"People have to remember that we are the team that has probably had the most turnover in players. And we are trying to find the right balance.

"We are trying to find the right combination of personnel that will do the business for us."

The Glory are somewhat fortunate that Sydney will be without Emerton due to his Socceroos commitments, but the Sky Blues - who beat Perth all three times the two sides met last season - enter the match in decent form.

After overturning a two-goal deficit to

beat Gold Coast, Sydney are unbeat- en in their past three games and have climbed to fifth on the ladder.

Nick Carle has been in top form for Vitezslav Lavicka's team, while the likes of Karol Kisel and Terry McFlynn have also been influential through midfield.

Sydney have made a habit of net- ting late goals to secure points this season, having also done it to beat Adelaide and draw with Melbourne Heart, and Lavicka said that had him confident his side was on the right track.

"I think we have better quality than

last year on the park and we have players who have more experience and more character."

"We made some mistakes during the game (against Gold Coast) but the character was unbelievable."

"We've played five games this season and three times we've come back from behind which is good for team confidence."

The game marks former Glory captain Jamie Coyne's return to Perth and is the first time he will pay against older brother Chris in competitive football.

Kiss of Death  
Glory 3-3 SFC



SYDNEY FC

Line Ups

Sydney FC:  
1. Liam Reddy  
2. Sebastian Ryall  
3. Jamie Coyne  
4. Pascal Bosschaart  
5. Michael Beauchamp  
8. Karol Kisel  
9. Bruno Cazarine  
10. Nick Carle  
11. Dimi Petratos  
12. Shannon Cole  
15. Terry McFlynn (c)  
17. Terry Antonis  
19. Mark Bridge  
20. Ivan Necevski  
21. Scott Jamieson  
23. Rhyan Grant  
\*one to be omitted\*

In: Shannon Cole (returns from injury)  
Out: Brett Emerton (international duty), Hirofumi Moriyasu.  
Unavailable: Juho Makela (quad, 1 week)

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## Line Ups

**Brisbane Roar:**  
1. Michael Theoklitos (GK)  
2. Matt Smith (Capt.)  
3. Shane Stefanutto  
4. Matt Jurman  
5. Ivan Franjic  
6. Erik Paaratlu  
7. Besart Berisha  
8. Massimo Muroccca  
9. Kofi Danning  
10. Henrique  
11. Issey Nakajima-Farran  
16. Mohamed Adnan  
18. Luke Brattan  
20. Andrew Redmayne  
21. James Meyer  
22. Thomas Broich  
\*one to be omitted\*

In: James Meyer (promoted),  
Kofi Danning (promoted)

Out: 17. Mitch Nichols (International duty)  
Unavailable: 12. Matt Mundy (knee injury – 1 week)

Brisbane Roar v Wellington Phoenix

Sun 13 Nov Suncorp Stadium 5:00pm

By Jarod Ellis

Wellington Phoenix travel to Brisbane this Sunday on the back of three consecutive defeats, a streak that’s quite the contrast to Brisbane’s eleven consecutive home wins and thirty-three matches unbeaten.

The Phoenix have struggled in their start to the season, four points from their opening two games suggested that the club could be a finals threat but they’ve since failed to pick up a point and are sitting in eighth place, only just above the foot of the ladder.

A small squad has struggled to deal with injuries to key players, Paul Ifill, Vince Lia, Mirjan Pavlovic, Jimmy Downey and Lucas Pantelis are all expected to be missing from the lineup once again but there is some good news for Wellington with Ben Sigmund set to make his return from suspension against Brisbane.

Sigmund will need to put in a solid performance along with defensive partner Andrew Durante if his team are to come away from Suncorp Stadium with a positive result on Sunday. Brisbane are reportedly fuming at their inability



Radio broadcaster: 1035AM The Radio Network Wellington

## Roar to rebound against Phoenix

Head-to-Head: All matches (played 12): Roar wins 8, Phoenix wins 1 (3 draws)  
Odds: Roar 1.32 Draw 5.25 Phoenix 10.0

to break down a nine-man Victory outfit last week and this weekend’s visitors could be in for hiding if they don’t show up from the opening whistle.

The Roar have the added motivation of their continued pursuit of the record Australian football codes unbeaten streak, having moved to within two matches last weekend of the thirty-five game record set by Eastern Suburbs in the NSWRL back in 1936.

The home side will be without Mitch Nichols for the game, the

midfielder having been called up to the Soccerooooos squad to take on Oman and Thailand. Massimo Muroccca is the most likely player to step into the void left by Nichols absence however that isn’t the only concern facing the Roar ahead of the game with doubt surrounding Thomas Broich’s ability to appear in the game having failed to train during the week due to an ankle injury.

If Broich does take to the pitch on Sunday he should be met with applause from what is likely to be

the Roar’s biggest home crowd of the season. Brisbane officials have indicated that taking into account ticket sales and crowd patterns that they’re expecting at least 14,000 to attend. That would prove a welcome boost to the club as so far this season they’ve failed to draw considerable crowds despite making an improvement on last season’s attendance figures.

**Kiss of Death  
Roar 3-1 Phoenix**



## Line Ups

**Wellington Phoenix:**  
1. Mark Paston (GK)  
2. Manny Muscat  
3. Tony Lochhead  
4. Brent Griffiths  
6. Tim Brown  
7. Leo Bertos  
9. Chris Greenacre  
11. Daniel  
12. Nicky Ward  
13. Niko Tsattalios  
15. Cameron Lindsay  
18. Ben Sigmund  
20. Tony Warner (GK)  
21. Dani Sanchez  
22. Andrew Durante (C)  
24. Alex Smith  
\*one to be omitted\*

In: Ben Sigmund (from suspension)

Unavailable: Lucas Pantelis (knee injury - indefinite), Mirjan Pavlovic (broken arm – 4 weeks), Vince Lia (knee injury – 3 weeks), Paul Ifill (groin injury – 2 weeks), Jimmy Downey (knee injury – indefinite)



## Rewind



### Robert Di Fabio

Round five of the A-League was certainly a riveting weekend of football. Enthusiasts indulged in some exciting clashing, which were not devoid of drama, tension and its fair share of controversy.

Melbourne Victory were left depleted, gallantly fighting A-League front-runners Brisbane Roar with a nine-man show, ultimately sharing the spoils and extending the Roar’s impressive unbeaten streak to 33 games. Sydney FC battled its way back from a two-goal deficit against Gold Coast United, to remarkably steal the points with a dubious penalty in stoppage-time, sending the Sky Blues faithful into ecstasy. Although, United boss Miron Bleiberg didn’t share the analogous emotions. While, the Mariners and Jets tasted triumph, there were no winners between Adelaide and Heart, whilst entertaining; a point favoured neither side dwindling in the bottom half of the table.

There were several talking points to come out of the weekend’s fixtures. Let’s analyse some of the key issues and incidents.

**Refereeing standards:**  
Whilst refereeing is seemingly an arduous assignment, the inconsistency illustrated with the officiating this season has been a major point of concern. We’ve seen several instances where referees have made atrocious decisions, consequently impacting on the result of particular fixtures.

When Heart hosted Sydney, we saw the visitors awarded a corner – when it palpably should have been a goal-kick – subsequently the Sky Blues equalised from the resulting corner in stoppage time. Furthermore, during the match between Wellington and Victory, an assistant referee called for offside from a Melbourne throw-

in, whilst the same official disallowed Archie Thompson from scoring an impressive brace when onside by a good two metres. Football supporters understand, and accept mistakes from the officials, although when they are of this magnitude – in a professional environment – mediocrity should not be accepted.

The most contentious matter was Matthew Foschini’s dismissal in the 37th minute against Brisbane Roar last Saturday night. After correctly showing Ante Covic his marching a minute into proceedings, referee Ben Williams obnoxiously dismissed the full-back, for a challenge on Thomas Broich which, in all honesty was worthy of a yellow ticket at best. Yes, the challenge was mistimed and late, although it was not worthy of a sending off by any means. This unfortunately changed the whole complexion of the tie – with Victory on the back-foot defending with nine men – and should have never come into fruition. If an incident like this was worthy of an early shower, then anticipate to see an array of red cards in the coming weeks – assuming the officiating will be of a consistent nature.

Football is a physical sport, and while it’s imperative to clean up the game, the sport will not win over many fans with this outlandish, drastic approach from the men in charge.

### Appeals board (Match Review Panel):

As discussed, Foschini was issued with a red card for a clumsy challenge on Broich. With cultivating support from the media and its fans, Victory, rightly attempted to appeal the decision – in order to abolish the mandatory one-week suspension.

However, Football Federation Australia responded irritably. Here is a segment of their press release:  
“The MRP unanimously determined that the Obvious Error Application should be rejected and that the decision of the Referee to award the Red Card was justified. The MRP unanimously determined that the Obvious Error Application of the Club was frivolous for the purposes of clause 9.8 of the A-League Disciplinary Regulations.”

To add salt to the wound, the MRP



The referees had their work cut out for themselves this week as high octane A-League action meant that much was at stake and players didn’t hold back. Photo: ANITA MILAS

decided to append an additional week to Foschini’s ban, on the grounds of a “frivolous” appeal. Labelling Melbourne Victory’s appeal in such manner, implying self-righteousness, is disrespectful to the club, and significantly to its ardent supporters. It displays a level of arrogance, to reply in such a poor, inarticulate way.

If a club fervently believes the referee has made an error, it has a right to voice their opinions, on behalf of its brand and fans. Disregarding the matter with such insolent behaviour is a sour look on the MRP, and its relationship with the lifeblood of Australian football, the clubs itself.

**Antony Golec’s Twitter fiasco:**  
Adelaide United youngster Antony Golec, 21, has landed himself in hot water, following his distasteful remarks towards referee Ben Williams, via social medium Twitter. He criticised the performance of referee Williams during the heated encounter at Etihad Stadium between Melbourne and Brisbane.

Golec originally tweeted: “Ben Williams worst referee ever”, before

explicitly writing a homophobic message entailing: “Ben Williams you are gay, biggest homo going around, you gypsie.”

The defender’s remarks were ostensibly unintelligent and dim-witted. Since then, Golec has been forced to apologise, with an expected reprimand forthcoming by the FFA. It is a valuable reminder to social media addicts, that if used incorrectly, it can incur severe ramifications. As your mother may have once told you, “If you’ve got nothing good to say, don’t say anything.”

**Miron Bleiberg’s sensational rant:**  
Some may call him impertinent; others may think he is a comical genius, whichever way you desire to depict him, Miron Bleiberg covets entertainment. His colourful, yet audacious character has grabbed the headlines once again. Evidently frustrated with his side’s 3-2 defeat – conceding a questionable spot-kick in stoppage time to gift Sydney FC victory – the Gold Coast boss didn’t hide his emotions, in what was an incredible post-match

### press-conference, acutely aimed at the A-League hierarchy.

“My feeling and my players’ feeling is the referee fell for any excuse in order to give Sydney the game,” he revealed in the post-match press-conference.

“It’s good for football in Australia that Sydney are winning and close to the top. (If) that’s mine and my team’s contribution to the benefit of the A-League (then) so be it.

“Hopefully next time Sydney will have (a crowd of) 15,000 and then 20,000 and everybody is happy.”

If that wasn’t enough to make the headlines, the charismatic boss continued his rant, visibly irritated at the turn of events.

“The other type of referee is the one we call the ‘homey’ one. You know why they are the ‘homey’ one? Because all the time they favour the home team. Even when it’s 50-50, it goes the way of the home team.”

Bleiberg has since apologised for his outlandish remarks.

**Ange’s Postecoglou’s tactical breakdown:**  
While an exhilarating encounter

unfolded at Etihad Stadium last Saturday night, in rather contentious circumstances, Melbourne Victory found itself deteriorating – reduced to nine men after 37 minutes – seemingly fighting for survival against a rampant Brisbane Roar outfit seeking to continue its extraordinary unbeaten run to 33 matches.

Diminished to playing with two less players – in conjunction with a debutant 19-year-old goalkeeper – Victory fought ferociously, defending their goal for an hour to share the points with a team portrayed as the best to have played in an Australian domestic competition. Whilst Melbourne displayed traits exemplifying courage, fortitude and heart, it was Brisbane who failed to break down the stern Victory resistance.

Brisbane, renowned for their patient, yet effective football ethos, comprising of working the ball out from the back, accompanied with high levels of ball retention has been their trademark under coach Ange Postecoglou. While its game-plan has been efficient, the Roar didn’t use their two-man advantage to their benefit. With a young, inexperienced keeper in goal for Melbourne, the Roar didn’t test the custodian enough, nor apply strenuous pressure on the opposition’s goal. Yes, Lawrence Thomas was called into action on more than one occasion, although the Roar could, and should have applied further strain on the Victory’s defensive line. Brisbane were mulish on their football philosophy, not desiring to take a risk, or try a different approach to break down the gallant Melbourne, spurred on by a passionate crowd just shy of 25,000. Opportunities to take on an opponent, whip an early cross or take an unexpected long shot were not evident.

Whilst it is difficult to criticise the manner Brisbane go about their football, on this occasion is appeared the Roar didn’t have a “Plan B” to utilise. Without question, Brisbane is a force to be reckoned with, although teams may not hold the same fear when locking horns with the table-toppers.

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MIRON JOINS THE 100 CLUB

By Niel Favager

WHEN Miron Bleiberg walks into Hindmarsh Stadium this Friday evening to coach his team against Adelaide United in another Hyundai A-League match, he will be doing so for the 100th time in his colourful career.

The Gold Coast United Head Coach, outspoken character and veteran of the Hyundai A-League, will join the likes of Ernie Merrick, Lawrie McKinna and Ricki Herbert as having coached 100 games in Australia's top football competition.

The humorous, candid and entertaining generator of quotes is no stranger to making headlines that promote the Hyundai A-League like no other, but his longevity, resilience and football smarts cannot be ignored either.

With the seventh season of the league now well underway, Bleiberg remains as the only coach left standing who has been around since the competition's inception in 2005.

The other current coach who has managed as many games as United's mentor is Wellington's Ricki Herbert. Former managers, Melbourne Victory's Ernie Merrick and Central Coast Mariners' Lawrie McKinna, managed 151 and 120 games respectively, but are no longer occupying the hot seat at their clubs.

A foundation coach at two start-up clubs, Queensland Roar and Gold Coast United, his achievements in producing attacking teams cannot be overlooked.

United skipper Michael Thwaite says this is largely down to Bleiberg encouraging his troops to do what they do



100 NOT OUT: Miron Bleiberg keeps a watchful eye on proceedings involving his Gold Coast United.

best when they're on the field. "Miron gives more freedom on the field to his players than any other coach I've worked with and that sits well with the players because they are encouraged to express themselves and play their natural game," Thwaite said. "He treats everyone like adults and expects us to be responsible, so that works well off the field as well as on it. That approach brings out the best in players, both as footballers and as people. "Of course he's well known for his entertaining media presence, but those of us who know him understand that he does this to promote the game – and he does it well."

United defender Kristian Rees, who himself passed the 100 game mark last weekend, has been on both sides of Bleiberg's tactical nous. The former Adelaide United centre-half was earmarked by Bleiberg as a potential Gold Coast signing due to the dogged resistance he provided to Queensland Roar's forward forays in the early days of the Hyundai A-League and they are times he remembers well. "During my time with Adelaide United we played Miron's Queensland Roar team a few times and we always knew we were in for a tough game because of the attacking approach he would employ," Rees said "When he was kind enough to offer me

the chance to come and play for him at Gold Coast United I was excited about the opportunity because I knew he would put together an attacking team. "He's excellent at adapting to different circumstances and putting a good squad full of the right characters, which makes it fun to come to training each day. "I didn't know it was his 100th game this week until someone told me, so it's a great milestone for him to reach. We want to win every game of course, but it would be especially nice if we could get the three points on Friday and make his 100th match a special one for him."

Brown wins NAB award

JAMES Brown's scintillating start to the 2011/12 Hyundai A-League season has been recognised with the United flyer named as the NAB Young Player of the Month for October.

The 21-year-old's three superb goals in the opening four games shot the youngster to prominence along with his standout performances since the start of the new campaign.

Brown is the first nominated player to be announced for the NAB Young



Gold Coast's James Brown

"It's an honour for me personally and it's always nice to get recognised," he said.

"This wouldn't have happened if I wasn't playing regularly and that's perhaps the most satisfying part of it. You don't think about being noticed when you're out on the field so it has come as a very nice surprise.

"The season has started really well for me and hopefully it will continue if I can maintain my form and stay injury-free.

"It's also great that Kingscliff Wolves will receive the \$3000 worth of equipment

because every cent counts at local club level, so I'd like to thank NAB and FFA for that initiative. If it helps to bring on another local youngster then that money is invested in the future of the game, which is what we all want."

United Head Coach Miron Bleiberg was glowing in his praise for United's young star who has begun to fulfil his potential after two seasons hindered by injury.

"James Brown was the first player identified to be part of Gold Coast United because we could see his quality from a young age," Bleiberg said.

"The last two seasons have been a bit frustrating for him because he broke his leg in year one and had some other injury issues last season, but now he's in good shape and everyone can see what he is capable of."

Brown is the first Gold Coast United player to receive the award and he was naturally delighted and flattered to hear the news.

Australian Under 23s Squad Announcement

Qantas Australian Under 23s Head Coach Aurelio Vidmar has selected a 19-player squad for the upcoming AFC Asian Qualifiers for the 2012 London Games – Third Round matches against Iraq and Uzbekistan.

Central Coast Mariners goalkeeper Mathew Ryan receives his first call-up to the Qantas Australian Under 23s squad for this campaign so too does team mate Brad McDonald, Gold Coast United defender Dylan McGowan, Sydney FC midfielder Dimitrios Petratos and Perth Glory striker Adam Taggart who was a member of the Qantas Young Socceroos squad that recently successfully qualified for the AFC U-19 Championship 2012.

Vidmar knows the importance of these upcoming two matches in qualification process.

"After drawing our opening match against the UAE we need to get a good

result from these two matches to give us the best possible chance of qualifying for the Olympics.

"With injuries to a number of players we have used in the previous matches, we've selected a few new faces following our recent training camp in Sydney.

"It will be up to these players to take their opportunity and step up to the challenge ahead.

"We will have a short camp together in Qatar before the Iraq match to work on things and I'm confident that the boys are up to it," concluded Vidmar

The Qantas Australian Under 23s will play Iraq in their next AFC Asian Qualifiers for the 2012 London Games match on Tuesday 22 November (Al Arabi Stadium, Doha, Qatar) and then Uzbekistan five days later at Parramatta Stadium in NSW.

The teams in each group of the third round of qualifying play in a home-and-



Mariner Brad McDonald receives his first call-up to the U/23 squad.

away format from 21 September 2011, to 14 March 14, 2012, with the winner of each group directly qualifying for the London 2012 Olympic Games Football competition.

The three second-placed teams from

Olympic Qualifiers

AFC Asian Qualifiers for the 2012 London Games – Third Round  
Iraq v Qantas Australian U23s  
Al Arabi Stadium, Doha, Qatar  
Wednesday, 23 November 2011  
Kick-off: 5:15pm local (1:15 am AEDT)

AFC Asian Qualifiers for the 2012 London Games – Third Round  
Qantas Australian U23s v Uzbekistan  
Parramatta Stadium, Parramatta  
Sunday, 27 November 2011  
Kick-off: 7:15pm AEDT

Ticket Prices

Adult	\$20.00
Concession/Child	\$10.00
Family	\$40.00

the third round will clash in a playoff at a centralised venue from March 25 to 29, 2012, and the winners of this group will meet the representatives of CAF (Africa) for a berth in the 2012 London Olympic Games.

The Squad

Aziz Behich Melbourne Heart  
Mark Brighitti (gk) Adelaide United  
Oliver Bozanic CC Mariners  
James Brown Gold Coast United  
Kofi Danning Brisbane Roar  
Mate Dugandzic Melbourne Heart  
Matthew Foschini MelbVictory  
Rhyann Grant Sydney FC  
Jason Hoffman Melbourne Heart  
Marko Jesic Newcastle Jets  
Matthew Jurman Brisbane Roar  
Brad McDonald CC Mariners  
Dylan McGowan Gold Coast United  
Daniel Mullen Adelaide United  
Mitch Nichols Brisbane Roar  
Dimitrios Petratos Sydney FC  
Sebastian Ryall Sydney FC  
Mathew Ryan (gk) CC Mariners  
Adam Taggart Perth Glory

The AFC Asian Qualifiers for the 2012 London Games match between the Qantas Australian Under 23s and Uzbekistan will also be broadcast live and exclusive on FOX SPORTS.

Short Passes

LAKESIDE STADIUM UNVIELED  
South Melbourne FC wishes to announce that it will host NSW Premier League Champions Sydney Olympic in an exhibition match on Sunday 11th December as part of the festivities to launch the refurbished Lakeside Stadium. This will be the first football match played at Lakeside since the renovations commenced in 2010. The Senior Mens match between South Melbourne FC and Sydney Olympic will kick-off at 6pm.  
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# MATE DUGANZIC

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Perth Glory FC

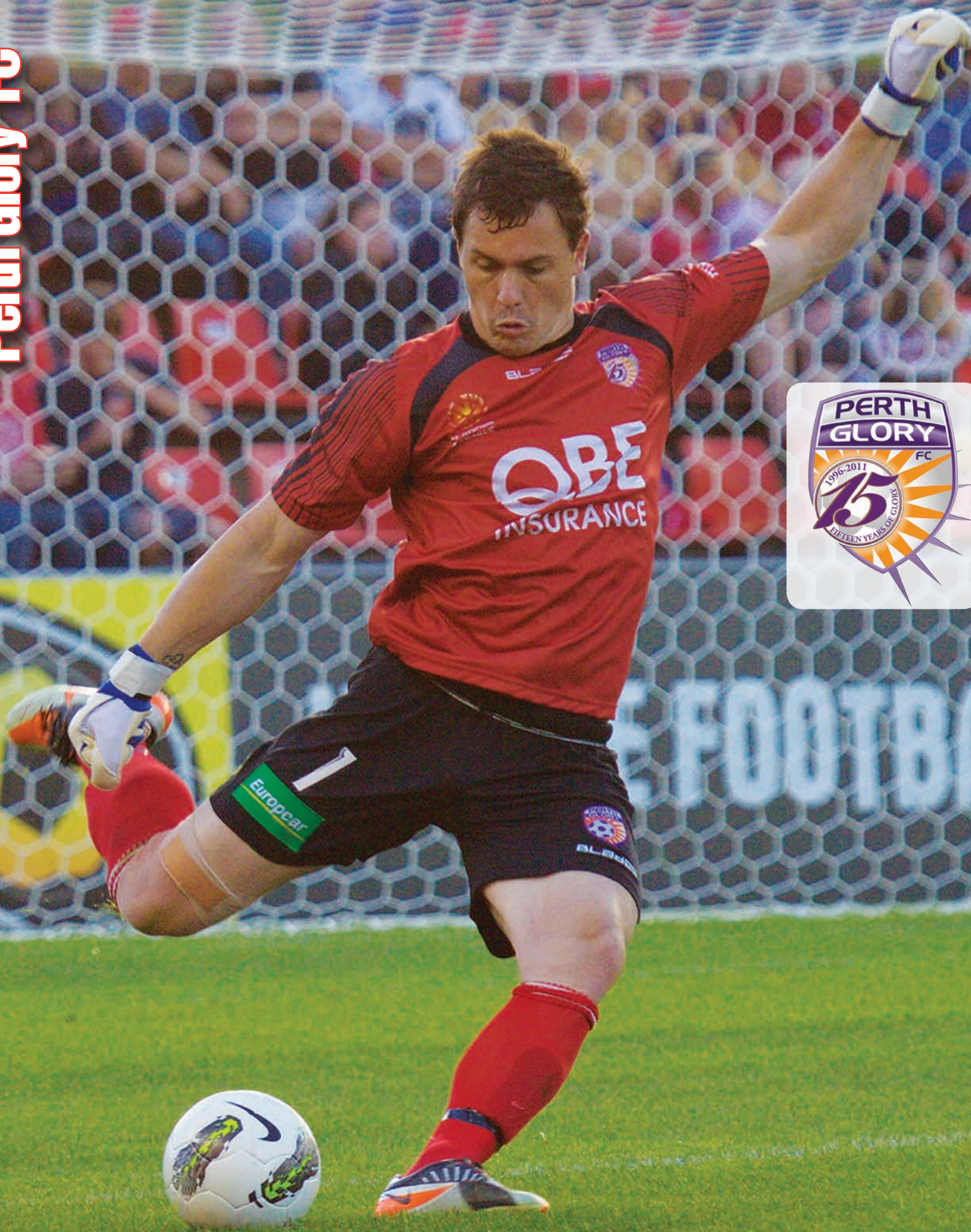


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**FULL NAME:** Daniel Vukovic  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Sydney, Australia  
**BIRTH DATE:** 27/03/1985  
**HEIGHT:** 188cm  
**WEIGHT:** 100kg  
**MARRIED:** No  
**CAR:** Holden Cruze  
**NICKNAME:** Vuka, Rhino  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Central Coast Mariners, Wellington Phoenix  
**REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS:** Australia u/20, u/23  
**INDIVIDUAL HONOURS:** Central Coast Mariners Player of the year 06/07  
**TEAM HONOURS:** Minor Premiers 07/08 (Mariners)  
**CHILDHOOD FOOTBALL HERO:** Dejan Savicevic  
**FAVOURITE O/S PLAYER:** Lionel

**Messi**  
**FAVOURITE HAL PLAYER:** Adam Kwasnik  
**FAVOURITE FORMER SOCCEROO:** Mark Bosnich  
**FAVOURITE CURRENT SOCCEROO:** Mile Jedinak  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A PLAYER:** Playing for the Olyroos against Iraq in Gosford  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH AS A FAN:** Liverpool Vs AC Milan 04-05 Champions League Final, coming back from 3-0 at half time to win on penalties.  
**MOST MEMORABLE GOAL YOU'VE SCORED:** A penalty last season against Nth Queensland Fury.  
**EARLIEST FOOTBALL MEMORY:** Playing in the local park with my

**Dad and brother**  
**FUNNIEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:** Hitting the crossbar from a kick from my own box  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Missing the Olympic Games due to suspension  
**WORST INJURY:** Knee injury that required surgery  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** The whole Brisbane Roar team  
**FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:** Sun-corp Stadium  
**SUPERSTITIONS:** Lucky Undies  
**TYPICAL MATCH DAY MEAL:** Pasta  
**WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS:** Shot Stopping  
**WHAT ARE YOUR WEAKNESSES:** Left foot kicking  
**FAVOURITE TEAM WHEN GROWING**

**UP:** Leeds Utd  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:** Poker, Rugby League  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTSPERSON:** Novak Djokovic  
**FAVOURITE FOODS:** Chicken Schnitzel, Steak  
**FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:** Will Ferrell  
**HOBBIES:** Poker, Eating Out, Movies  
**FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT:** Las Vegas  
**FAVOURITE NIGHTSPOT:** Las Vegas  
**IDEAL DATE:** Dinner and a movie  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOWS:** Family Guy, The Inbetweeners, Nip/Tuck  
**FAVOURITE MUSIC:** A bit of everything  
**FAVOURITE FILM:** The Hangover  
**LAST SOCCER SHIRT YOU**

**BOUGHT:** Perth Glory  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Parents and John Crawley (Keeper Coach)  
**BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER:** Injuries  
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**YOUR TIP FOR THIS YEAR'S HAL:** Finals football for Perth Glory



# Mate shoots from the Heart

Mate Dugandzic is a forward who plays for A-League side Melbourne Heart. Mate was born in Melbourne to Croatian parents on the 22nd of October 1989.

Mate started his Football career with St. Albans Saints in Melbourne where he played his junior Football from the ages of 7 to 15. In 2006 he moved to Victorian Premier League (VPL) side Melbourne Knights where he debuted in the VPL at 16. He played well for a young, quick forward and due to the arrangement with Croatian giants Dinamo Zagreb and his Croatian parentage he signed 5-year contract. Mate although was offered a scholarship with The Australian Institute of Sport but preferred to give Europe a shot.

Due to the lack of game time at Dinamo Zagreb Mate joined Lokomotiva Zagreb in the Second Division to gain some vital experience. After six months with Lokomotiva he returned to Dinamo quite a bit home sick. After returning to Melbourne Knights in the VPL for another season he was signed by Melbourne Victory.

He made his debut for Victory in September 2009 against Gold Coast United before scoring twice on his starting debut against Adelaide United in October. He ended up playing 37 games for Ernie Merrick's side but in October 2010 contract negotiations stalled. In February 2011 Mate signed with Victory's cross town rivals Melbourne Heart after his contract at Victory had expired. Mate thought Coach, John van't Schip and Football Operations Manager John Didulica convinced him to sign as his play would be better off at Heart than Victory.

During the 2011-12 A-League season Mate has been one of Heart's impressive players on either wing and he hopes that form can take him to the 2012 Olympics. Despite only being capped three times by The Olyroos he has been involved in the recent qualifiers against The UAE and seems favoured by Coach Aurelio Vidmar.

I sat down with Mate to talk Football, Melbourne Heart, Croatia and The Olympics.

## Earliest football Memory:

Playing Soccer in the background with my brother and dad.

## Football idols:

Obviously when I grew up I used to follow Davor Suker.

## Goal in football career:

To be honest I don't really set any long term goals. Obviously if I can continue playing with Heart and see what season brings.

## What made you want to play football?

I first got started because my brother played Football. That was the main reason because as a young sibling you do what your older brother does so that is why I wanted to play.

## Which club do you wish to play for?

Crystal Palace

## Why Crystal Palace?

I have supported them ever since I was young. So I would want to play for them if the opportunity arose.

## What are your strengths?

Probably be, my speed would be one strength and I dunno, don't really know



Mate takes on Adelaide United's Evgenily Levchenko and Jon McKain in last week's 1-1 HAL Round 5 clash at Hindmarsh Stadium. PHOTO: ADAM BUTLER

any. Yeah probably just my speed.

## What are your weaknesses?

Probably my strength is bit of a weakness, I am not the biggest. And a couple other things I need to work on as well. You can improve on everything. There are little parts of my game that I would like to improve so like finishing, crossing, all parts of my game obviously.

## How well do you think you have done this season in the A-League for Melbourne Heart?

We haven't been doing practically well since we only have 3 points from 5 games. Obviously we need to change that around, hopefully we can continue the Football that we want to play. Hopefully we can get positive result on the weekend against Newcastle.

## What do you think about your personal performances this season for Melbourne Heart?

Obviously I am glad that I am able to contribute and to grab a couple goals in the first game. But as an attacker your job is to score. I feel like I need to be doing more in those situations in the final third.

## Do you do anything different or special in training to improve as a player?

No, not anything different. Just to improve as a player you need to try and work on your game which is the stuff that needs improving. Just small parts like your touch, passing, crossing and finishing. Continue to train to improve on certain areas.

## Do you do anything different or special in training to impress the coach/manager?

Nothing, you play Football because you enjoy playing it and obviously if you don't play well you are not going to be enjoying it. You do it more so for yourself and your teammates because you don't want

to let your teammates down so I don't do anything special to impress anyone. I suppose you do the best to your ability, hopefully that is enough to warrant a spot on the weekend.

## Do you feel pressure to perform?

I suppose you get a little bit nervous before the game because you don't want to play a bad game, you want to play to the best of your ability so you do tend to feel a little bit of that pressure. But knowing with the team that we have got we are playing at times some good Football so I suppose it relieves a little bit of pressure, it's just unfortunate we are playing good Football for large amounts of the game that is the only issue we have at the moment.

## Are you currently happy at Melbourne Heart?

Yeah I am really enjoying it. There are a great bunch of guys here and yeah I am really enjoying my time here at Heart and I find that it's been a lot better than what Victory was playing last year.

## What have you learnt from your experiences in the A-League?

One thing is that the league is improving every year. You see that by the quality of the players, they are playing very professional and hopefully the league can continue to improve and make some good players for the National Team.

## Why did you join Melbourne Heart?

I'd say at the end of the day my contract at Victory was expiring. Then I had a chat with John van't Schip and John Didulica and I asked them where they see me fitting in the Melbourne Heart team and obviously liked what they said and that was the main reason why I moved on was to join Melbourne Heart. I was curious after talking to John van't Schip and John Didulica. I liked what they said and thought that I would suit my game by came to Heart.

I heard some overseas clubs were

## interested especially Belgium clubs. Were there any other offers from any other clubs?

No there wasn't any other offers. Just a little bit of talk and nothing came of it.

## Did Victory offer you a new contract?

Yes they did. That was obviously a bit early on. I said no, I'd rather not to continue negotiations so early on in the season to rather focus on my Football and continue to play. Then the situation closer to end of the contract I suppose I made my decision and I left for Heart.

## How have you settled in at Melbourne Heart?

Yeah I am enjoying it. I am enjoying training, enjoying playing. All the guys in dressing room are really good. I really enjoy coming into training and having a little bit of a laugh. It's very good. I think obviously the results aren't going our way but I have no doubt in my mind they will change shortly.

## Melbourne Heart has lots of forwards this season. That must make lots of competition for places?

Yeah we have a lot of attacking players but competition is healthy and it brings out the best of the players. I suppose when you have a lot of good players playing in similar positions you yourself are going to step up your game and hopefully bring the best out of team and your teammates.

## What are your expectations for this A-League season?

I dunno obviously, expectations as a team are we want to make finals; we want to do the best we possibly can. That's our main goal. We have to change the form around that we are in now to make the finals.

## What about your personal expectations this season?

I don't like to set too many goals. I'd like to play as much as I possibly can in the

starting line-up, that is one of my goals. I suppose I am doing that and enjoying that at the moment.

## A couple weeks ago you played against Melbourne Victory for the first time. What was it like to take on your former club?

Yeah, little bit of a different experience because I knew a lot of the players and a lot of the players knew me. It's different when you only know a couple of individuals in the opposition team. It was a little bit of a different experience to be lining up on the other side. We didn't get result that we wanted but hopefully next time round we play them we will.

## Was the atmosphere what you expected when taking on a former club?

To a certain degree yeah obviously I was involved in the Heart and Victory clashes at AAMI Park and the fact that the crowd is so much closer, it's on top of you at AAMI Park. The atmosphere is obviously better there then it was at Etihad Stadium but we got a fantastic crowd out there at that game but it was still a very good experience.

## You have represented the Under 23 Australian Olyroos. You must be delighted to have the chance to represent your country?

Obviously yeah as a junior player you always want to represent your nation. At the moment (The Under 23's) we didn't get a great result in the first game, hopefully we can turn it around. We have a couple of games coming up in the next couple weeks in Qatar and Parramatta. Its great playing for The Under 23's hopefully we can do the country proud and qualify for The Olympics.

## You must be excited that you might be going to The Olympics in 2012?

Yeah obviously there are a lot of players who are unable to be part of the qualification campaign because the fact whether the under 23s do play it's

an international date, so the European players are still able to get selected. You will have to do as well as you can in the qualification stage and hopefully you get given the opportunity to go to London and play at The Olympics.

## What do you think of your chances in making the Olyroos Olympic squad?

It is difficult to say because you don't know where other players are at the time. Obviously injuries can occur, I hope that doesn't happen to me but I'd love to go but it's still a way to go. Not sure whether or not if I will get selected, hopefully I do.

## In 2008 you moved to Croatia with giants Dinamo Zagreb. Were you happy there?

Yeah it was an enjoyable experience and I learnt a lot there. One about Football and about myself. I lived there with a friend, Daniel Visevic and obviously you have to cook and clean for yourself and that was new to me. That was the first time I was in a professional environment and thought the experience was beneficial to me.

## Why did you return to Australia? What didn't work out in Croatia?

There were little problems with the club. Obviously I went through the Melbourne Knights and Dinamo Zagreb and there were a few issues that were arriving there. But I ventured my way back in early 2008 and I suppose I wasn't playing too much after I got injured and obviously played a small part in me returning but found it difficult to live there because obviously I was young didn't have my family and friends. Probably wasn't playing my best soccer at the time and felt quite home sick and wanted to return home.

## You were also had a chance to join Roma. Is this correct?

That was all shit. I dunno who made that all up. No truth to that at all.

## You were also offered a scholarship at the AIS.

Yes I was offered a scholarship at the same time the opportunity arose to go to Croatia. I felt like I wanted to see what overseas was and obviously didn't want that opportunity to pass me by so that's why I took the Croatian option over the Canberra option.

## Do you reckon your decision?

Definitely not, no I don't. I felt I had learnt a lot there, I enjoyed my time there. If the opportunity arose again I'd love to take it. But I enjoyed the majority of that trip and I learnt a lot so if I could do it over again I'd do exactly same.

## A few years ago you said no to the Croatian National Team. Is this correct?

No. I have never been approached by Croatian national team so I have never said that.

## You have represented Australia but would you consider changing allegiances to play for The Croatian National Team if you were given the opportunity?

No. Obviously I'm quite happy and I don't think personally I am good enough to represent a nation at senior level. I'll keep playing with the Australian Under 23's and I don't think that will change any time soon.

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Monday November 14th  
04:30 PM FIFA Futbol Mundial - Weekly football magazine show that travels the globe to bring you the stars of today, the talents of tomorrow and the heroes of the past.

11:30 PM The World Game

SBS TWO  
Monday November 14th  
9:30 PM The World Game



Friday 11-Nov  
Copa Sudamericana Quarter-Final  
2nd Leg Velez Sarsfield v Santa Fe  
11:45am LIVE

Saturday 12-Nov  
Euro 2012 Play-Off 1st Leg Estonia v Republic of Ireland 6:40am LIVE  
World Cup 2014 Qualifier Round 3 Uruguay v Chile 8:55am LIVE  
Euro 2012 Play-Off 1st Leg Turkey v Croatia 11:00am 1st Airing  
World Cup 2014 Qualifier Round 3 Paraguay v Ecuador 12:45pm 1st Airing  
World Cup 2014 Qualifier Round 3 Colombia v Venezuela 2:30pm 1st Airing

Sunday 13-Nov  
International Friendly England v Spain 4:10am LIVE  
FA Cup Round 1 Teams TBC 9:45am 1st Airing

Monday 14-Nov  
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Wednesday 16-Nov  
Euro 2012 Play-Off 2nd Leg Croatia v Turkey 6:00am LIVE  
World Cup 2014 Qualifier Round 4 Colombia v Argentina 7:55am LIVE  
World Cup 2014 Qualifier Round 4 Chile v Paraguay 10:25am LIVE  
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Wednesday 16th November  
02:30 am Liverpool TV Fa Cup First Round  
05:30 am FA Cup Classics Arsenal V Chelsea 2003/04  
07:00 am Magic Of The FA Cup Leeds United's Greatest Goals

Thursday 17th November  
02:30 am Arsenal TV Carling Cup Archive Match  
05:30 am FA Cup Classics Chelsea V Manchester United 1998/99

Friday 18th November  
05:30 am FA Cup Classics Chelsea V Manchester United 1995/96

Saturday 19th November  
02:30 am Magic Of The FA Cup Newcastle United - Greatest Players



ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
No games this week due to international fixtures.

Week 15		
Sat Nov 19 Norwich v Arsenal	11.38 pm	
Sun Nov 20 Man City v Newcastle	1.53 am	
Sun Nov 20 Everton v Wolves	1.53 am	
Viewers Choice		
Sun Nov 20 Stoke v QPR	1.53 am	
Viewers Choice		
Sun Nov 20 Sunderland v Fulham	1.53 am	
Viewers Choice		
Sun Nov 20 West Brom v Bolton	1.53 am	
Viewers Choice		
Sun Nov 20 Swansea v Man United	4.23 am	
Sun Nov 20 Wigan v Blackburn	Mid-day	DELAY
Mon Nov 21 Chelsea v Liverpool	2.53 am	
Tue Nov 22 Tottenham v Aston Villa	6.53 am	

WORLD CUP QUALIFIER LIVE  
Sat Nov 12 Oman v Australia 12.30 am

HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE LIVE	
Fri Nov 11 Gold Coast v Adelaide	7.30 pm
Sat Nov 12 Melb Heart v Newcastle	5.30 pm
Sat Nov 12 Central Coast v Victory	7.45 pm
Sat Nov 12 Perth v Sydney	10.00 pm
Sun Nov 13 Brisbane v Wellington	4.30 pm

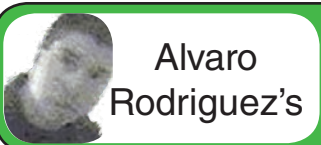


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NAME: Canada  
CAPITAL: Ottawa  
POPULATION: (2011 approx.) 34,643,000  
CONFEDERATION: CONCACAF  
FIFA WORLD RANKING: 83rd  
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Olympic gold-medalists 1904; CONCACAF Championship/Gold Cup winners 1985, 2000  
WORLD CUP APPEARANCE: 1986

WHO ARE YA?  
Canada is the northernmost country in the Americas (and the world's second-largest), bordered by the United States (and indirectly by Greenland). Its unique culture consists of a mix of influences - its many indigenous peoples such as the Inuit (Eskimos), the French and British colonial influences as well as their Yankee neighbours to the south. After centuries of predominantly-British dominion (but also the French in the province of Quebec), the commonwealth gained constitutional sovereignty in 1982, following up the creation of the Maple Leaf flag in 1965, dual official-language status for English and French, and the implementation of multiculturalism in the '70s. However the issue of Quebec in relation to the reactionary elements of Canada's French heritage (specifically those who wish for Quebec to secede from the rest of Canada) is still not completely resolved in an otherwise model Western democracy.

SO WHAT YOU DONE?  
Despite Canada's British and French cultural heritage, football has always been a minority sport there, same as with the neighbouring US, with ice hockey and the other North American sports grabbing headlines. That said, the world game still has a lengthy and colourful history in the land of the maple leaf. The country's first governing bodies were set up in the late 1870s, and the first (albeit unofficial) Canada-US international clash took place in 1885 with the Canucks winning 1-0. A Canadian side toured Britain three years later (believed to be the first such tour by a UK dominion) for a record of nine wins, five draws, and nine losses. However it wasn't until 1904 that Canadian soccer flexed its muscle on the world stage in the biggest way possible - winning the football gold-medal at the St. Louis Olympics! A leading amateur side, Galt FC assumed the guise of the national team and easily defeated their American club opponents to claim the second-ever Olympic football title (keep in mind it was then football's world championship, in that pre-World Cup era). Despite that triumph, Canadian football was soon relegated to playing the odd friendly against fellow Commonwealth opposition (notably the Soccerroos and the All Whites) for the next 2 decades, as well as throwing down with their American neighbours. In the post-WWII era the Canucks formally joined the CONCACAF confederation, but routinely crashed out of World Cup quali-



World citizen or misguided glory-hunter in club and country? The one & only Owen Hargreaves

fication or withdrew altogether on a few occasions. Their home Olympics in Montreal 1976 provided equally-forgettable performances from the national team. But signs were showing of better days ahead... Canada narrowly missed qualification for Spain '82 (which saw El Salvador and Honduras qualify), but shocked the world by winning the CONCACAF Championship (now Gold Cup) in 1985 and in the process qualified for their maiden (and only thus far) World Cup in Mexico the next year. Drawn against Hungary, the Soviet Union and one of the motherlands in the form of France, the Canucks fought valiantly despite losing 1-0 to the French and 2-0 to both other group opponents. USA '94 quals would prove a stern test, with the Soccerroos locking horns with the Canadians over 2 legs which saw the international debut of one Mark Schwarzer for the 'Roos. Thrown in goal following the expulsion of Australia's starting keeper Robert Zabica, Schwarzy held his own in a 3-2 defeat and rose to the occasion in the Sydney return leg. With the Soccerroos and Canucks fighting a seesawing battle that went all the way to penalties, the young Aussie keeper emerged as the man of the hour, heroically saving Alex Bunbury's shot in a prelude to that immortal night 12 years later in the same city. But for the Canadians, who had missed automatic qualification through CONCACAF's group stages, coming so close was a bitter pill to take, although it is doubtful they would have fared well against the Soccerroos' eventual conquerors Argentina. France '98 saw another full-throttle tilt from the Canucks, fielding arguably their best side since the halcyon days of '86, but their promising campaign was derailed by a 4-1 away thumping to El Salvador, and things fell away from there. However, the new millennium would see a belated entry in the annals of Canadian football honours - winning that year's CONCACAF Gold Cup for the first time since 1985, defeating guests Colombia in the final and qualifying for the next year's Confederations Cup. Despite

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home), coach (with the national team), TV commentator and administrator, occupying a Johnny Warren-like standing in Canuck soccer circles. In the '90s strikers Carlo Corazzin, Alex Bunbury(whose son Teal has declared international allegiance to the US in his playing career) and Paul Peschisolido(who enjoyed a distinct career in England with Birmingham, Stoke and West Brom among others after a stint at Juventus' academy in his early twenties), as well as Ipswich and West Ham keeper Craig Forrest flew the flag for a strong Canadian NT that was unfortunate to miss WC qualification more than once. Tomasz Radzinski also enjoyed a distinct club career which overshadowed his feats in national colours, and of course Owen Hargreaves famously snubbed Canada in favour of England. Veteran midfielder Paul Stalteri is currently clubless after being released by Borussia Mönchengladbach(although FC Köln's Kevin McKenna still flies the flag for Canucks in the Bundesliga), while MLS goalscoring machine Dwayne De Rosario, veteran defender Ante Jazic and recent Brisbane Roar signing Issey Nakajima-Farran round out some of the danger men of the Canadian national team.

SO WHAT NOW?  
The Canucks have qualified from Preliminary Group D for one of the semi-final groups of CONCACAF's WC 2014 qualifying marathon, but it's hardly impressive when your opposition consisted of St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia and Puerto Rico. Sterner tests lie ahead in the next qualifying stage, and it will largely come down to a favourable draw for Canada to have any chance of advancing to the final 'Hexagonal' group stage. Regardless of its national team's issues, the club game in Canada is in arguably its rudest health ever, with three teams in America's MLS which are also privy to CONCACAF Champions League qualification via the Canadian Club Championship contested between home and US-based Canadian clubs. As things stand now, it is those clubs flying the flag for Canadian football abroad better than its national team at present, and it appears to remain so for the foreseeable future.



**HOT:** It seems to be a case of 'getting the band back together', Blues Brothers-style at Newy: first Gary Van Egmond is welcomed back to the fold as gaffer, then Francis Jeffers returns and now fellow ex-EPL striker Michael Bridges makes a prodigal return to Ausgrid Stadium. True that they weren't all actually there before at once but you get my drift, and so do the Jets fans. But can they all live up to whatever hype these developments will generate? We'll find out soon enough!

**NOT:** It's important that the performance of referees, be it in our A-League or anywhere, is monitored and debated for the sake of professionalism. But the multiple aftermaths of Ben Williams' officiating the Victory-Roar clash were, safe to say, not seen coming in their severity. Now two players lie reprimanded(three including Anthony Golec!)and said referee's honour called into question by the intense scrutiny, to say nothing of ever-quotable GCU gaffer Miron Bleiberg calling out the ref in charge of his side's Sydney FC clash. So without condemning or condoning, I think UK footy pundit and ex-player Chris Kamara said it best: "Referees do a difficult job that we don't always appreciate, so it's important to remember that without refs, we wouldn't have the game we love".



Putting the band back together: Jake & Elwood & Nick & Francis & Michael are all on a mission from God...

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Scoreboards

**BLAST FROM THE PAST**

With Roy Hay

On Monday night I was at a meeting of the Melbourne chapter of the Australian Society for Sports History (ASSH). Vin Maskell gave a fascinating presentation entitled Scoreboard Pressure—a series of stories and pictures of scoreboards and the tales they tell and are told about them. His main focus was on Australian football and cricket, but it got me thinking about our football scoreboards at venues around the country and overseas and the incidents they record. My own collection of pictures covers many of them and evokes many memories, which I am sure some of you will recognise and have your own equivalents somewhere among your photographs and memorabilia.

Since Olympic Park is no longer going to be a football ground its early electric scoreboard will be no more. Among Les Shorrock's photographs is this one of Jim McLean, Gold Medallist in the Victorian State League in 1984 with one of the most ubiquitous figures in the local game, Joe Docherty, when the Offside Club held a function at the ground. The Offside Club drew together players, officials and administrators of the game for convivial occasions and to raise money to support worthwhile causes.



Jim McLean and Joe Docherty in front of the Olympic Park scoreboard. Photo: Les Shorrock, Les Shorrock collection, Deakin University Library.

Olympic Park experimented with screen at the other end of the ground and this shot was taken just before the National Soccer League grand final in which South Melbourne clinched back-to-back championships by beating Sydney United in 1999. The Australian Institute of Sport had beaten Adelaide City 8-1 in the National Youth League final in a match switched to Somers Street to save the Olympic Park ground, but the presentation took place at the latter. Among the AIS squad that year were Ljubo Milicevic, Matt Kemp, Wayne Shro, Michael Turnbull, Daniel Vasilevski and Josh Kennedy who scored two goals in the final.



Screen at Olympic Park in 1999. Photo: Roy Hay.

A picture which brings back memories for me is this one in the Gottlieb Daimler Stadium in Stuttgart in 2006 taken just before kick-off in the group match in World Cup between Australia and Croatia. Both teams had a chance of qualifying for the knock-out stages and the fans on both sides were very toey before the game as this picture shows. Australia twice went behind but Harry Kewell



Fans watching fans on the scoreboard screen at Stuttgart during the World Cup in 2006. Photo: Roy Hay.

# Keeping the score

scored in the second half to equalise at two-all and send the Socceroos to their quarter-final with Italy.

Another couple of German pictures with a very different atmosphere are these ones from the Wald Stadion in Frankfurt during the European championships in 1988. The charm offensive by the police had little effect on the troublemakers among the English fans, and there was great relief when they bowed out in the group stage losing to the Republic of Ireland, Holland and the Soviet Union. These shots were taken just before the match with the Soviet Union which won by three goals to one.



Police messages on the screen in Frankfurt at the European championship in 1988. Photos: Roy Hay.



Another evocative picture is this one at Somers Street stadium when Hajduk Split returned to Australia for the first time since 1949. Melbourne Croatia hosted a match on 10 June 1990, just after Croatia achieved its independence. Hajduk played in shirts without the red star for the first time for a generation. The Melbourne players are Josip Biskic, George Hannah and Andrew Marth. Photo: Roy Hay.



Melbourne Croatia versus Hajduk Split in 1990. Photo: Roy Hay

A scoreboard which will disappear if it has not already gone is the old red-letter one at Lakeside Stadium which will not be lamented. It was very difficult to read even in good conditions. This was taken at an evening game between South Melbourne and Western Suburbs on 8 June 2007. The new scoreboard at the other end of the ground promises to be better and we will be able to judge after the forthcoming match between South Melbourne and Sydney Olympic on 11 December which opens the refurbished stadium.



Bob Jane Stadium's unreadable scoreboard 2007. Photo: Michael Pocklington.

Suburban and country grounds have their own quirky and distinctive scoreboards. Nick Bosevski (2) of Geelong is about to clear the ball in a match against host club Geelong Rangers at Myers Reserve in the pre-season cup competition on 1 March 2009. Rangers went on to win the cup (previously known as the Geelong Advertiser Cup) that year, for the first time since 1987.



Geelong Rangers scoreboard at Myers Reserve. Photo: Roy Hay.

Now most scoreboards are part of large screens which show matches in almost real time though in the A-League these days the fans do not get repeated replays of controversial incidents as those watching the game on television tend to do. A selection of current screens includes the AAMI Park scoreboard before the first Heart versus Victory derby in 2010, the Socceroos lining up at Homebush in Sydney prior to the World Cup qualifier against Oman on 11 October and a choice between a shot of the Telstra Dome before the 2009 Grand Final between Melbourne Victory and Adelaide United in the sunshine or some very dodgy pictures just prior to the game in the evening.



AAMI Park scoreboard before the first Melbourne derby between Heart and Victory in 2010. Photo: Roy Hay.

Back home in Scotland scoreboards seldom carried the score in the match being played at the ground. You were expected to know the score and the players and for years Celtic did not even number their players on the same principle. At Ayer United the scoreboard carried a series of letters and in the middle of the second half two numbers would be put up opposite each. These were the half-time scores at other games in the league or cup and you had to buy a program to find out what it all meant.

I do have photographic proof that I once played football on the MCG when ASSH held its biennial conference at the ground in 1987. Actually I am behind the camera for this shot, but appear in another in which the scoreboard is not so sharp. The old scoreboard still has the names of the Tigers and the Kangas, but the curator must have been in a benevolent mood to allow this bunch of ageing historians to have a run with the round ball.



Sports historians at the MCG in 1987. Photo: Roy Hay.



# Cubs tame Victory as Heart climbs

By Daniel Quinn

**Cubs tame The Victory**  
Brisbane Roar have smashed an inexperienced Melbourne Victory side at Kingston Heath Reserve on Sunday afternoon. Andrew Redmayne, James Meyer and Rocco Visconte were the senior contracted players for the Brisbane Roar whereas The Victory went in Jimmy Jeggo and Petar Franjic. Jimmy Jeggo opened the scoring with the first chance on 9 minutes after Hernan Espindola's through ball was miss-kicked my A-League goalkeeper Andrew Redmayne. Dado Lovkancic's follow up strike was saved at the feet of Redmayne but only for Jimmy Jeggo to chip Redmayne from 25 yards out. Espindola had another chance on 15 minutes when his shot was cleared off the line by a Roar defender. But this is when Brisbane started to dominate. James Meyer had the visitor's first chance on 16 minutes when his shot was saved by Rani Dowisha who was in goal after Lawrence Thomas played 90 minutes for the seniors. Brisbane got their deserved equaliser through an own goal by Adam Nakic after Chris Bush's strong run. Nakic was unfortunate to bundle the ball into his own net. Two minutes later Brisbane were in front after Kenneth Dougall's corner was met by an unmarked Lachlan Jackson inside the six yard box. 5 minutes later it was 3-1 when Nicholas Fitzgerald's cross was dummied by Chris Bush and tapped home by Tomislav Cirjak. Two minutes into the second-half it was 2-0 when Chris Bush smashed a Dougall short corner into the net from the edge of the box. Roar's height difference was an important factor in the game as the dominated set pieces. On 55 minutes The Victory had an opportunity to keep the game alive with Liam Francis and Hernan Espindola but they lacked the finishing. Christopher Cristaldo despite positioned on the wing was required to clear two more chances off the line from Matthew Thurell's header. Roar could have extended it further with George Lambadaridis but his left footed strike was well saved by Dowisha. But Lambadaridis did get his goal on 84 minutes as he smashed a curling free-kick into the top corner to finish off the game with a 5-1 score line. A-League youngster Luke Brattan was unfortunately substituted with an injury after a Cristaldo challenge. Victory coach Darren Davies was obviously disappointed. "We were up against a good Brisbane Roar side but I thought we started brightly then conceded some very poor goals." Although it's not results which count. "However the boys stuck to it and we have a very young youth team this year in comparison to other youth teams in the country but if we stick to our philosophy I don't mind if we make mistakes and concede goals, as long as we learn on the way." Darren Davies also explained the young age of their squad. "Three quarters of our squad is in the youngest bracket but this is a long term project and we are looking for these boys to learn from these experiences and in a year or two time's those are going to be the best players for Melbourne Victory's first team."

**Late Vrankovic goal rescues Jets a point**  
David Vrankovic has scored a late equaliser to take a point of Perth Glory on Wednesday afternoon at Adamstown Oval.



Brisbane Roar's Tom Cirjak lashes the ball past the diving Victory keeper Rani Dowisha. Photo: JOHN PUNSHON

Newcastle gave game time to Ali Abbas, Marko Jelic and Matthew Nash. But it was the visitors who had the first two chances through Alex Canglia and Reece Vitiglia but their shots went wide. Newcastle then had their first opportunities through Marko Jelic and Andrew Hoole. On 25 minutes Canglia's shot from inside the box was well saved by Newcastle's goalkeeper Matthew Nash. But it was Perth who opened the scoring 6 minutes later through Vitiglia who tapped home from three metres out after Sam Gallaway's flick on header. Glory lead 1-0 into half-time. During the second-half Jets came on looking for the equaliser and dominated down the right wing and through the centre of the park. Kale Bradbery who came on for Abbas cause the havoc and created a chance for Talesvksi but his shot was saved by substitute goalkeeper Devon Spence. Jelic too had his shot fired straight at Spence after a delightful through ball by Hoole. Newcastle got a deserved equaliser on 89 minutes when defender David Vrankovic smashed the ball into the net after Jelic flicked on a cor-

ner. But Perth could have won it right at the end through O'Neill whose heard was cleared off the line by Talevski. 1-1 it finished at Adamstown Oval.

**AIS grab first win as Reigning Champs remain winless**  
AIS have grabbed their first win of the while Gold Coast United are still winless after a 2-0 victory at AIS Stadium Athletics Track on Saturday afternoon. Tahj Minniecon and Zachary Anderson got stars for Gold Coast while the AIS squad was built mainly of players who represented Australia at the Under 17 World Cup in July. Minniecon had the first chance on 11 minutes as his shot went well over. On 24 minutes the visitors had another chance from 25 metres from goal but the free kick went into the wall and was cleared. Gold Coast threatened with Neko Vujecich and Chris Harold down the flanks. Gariccio for The AIS created some chances but the visitors goalkeeper Brendan White defended his goal well.

0-0 at half-time. The AIS opened the scoring 5 minutes into the second-half through Benjamin Warland after he slotted home from an acute angle. On 71 minutes Jakob Williams made it 2-0 after slotting home. AIS held on for the last 20 or so minutes and got their first win of the season with a 2-0 victory.

**Improved second-half takes all the points**  
Melbourne Heart defeated Adelaide United 1-0 on Saturday afternoon at Burton Park to win their second win of the season. Heart started off with new recruit Adrian Madaschi, who didn't get the needed paper work sorted to feature for the first team. Rutger Worm, Kristian Sarkies were the two other seniors for the visitors. Nigel Boogaard, Fabian Barbiero and Daniel Mullen were the seniors for the hosts. Adelaide created the first chance through Barbiero who played through Evan Kostopoulos who then crossed for Teeboy Kamara, but his back posted header went over. Heart didn't have their first chance until on 20

minutes when Kristian Sarkies and set piece specialist smashed a set piece from 30 yards but only John Hall to save in goal. Only minutes later Osama Malik probably had the best chance for either side with his glancing header from Da Silva's corner was saved brilliantly by Sebastian Mattei. Kostopoulos then put in another fantastic cross but only for Kamara's follow up shot to be deflected wide. Despite Adelaide's dominance in their attacking third it was Heart who opened the scoring through Eli Babalj on 35 minutes. Babalj's left footed strike was perfectly placed into the bottom corner for Hall to have any chance. Heart's Zac Walker had the first chance of the second-half on 50 minutes but Hall made a great save. Johnny Mavromatis then saved off the line after Stipo Andrijasevic's header had beaten the goalkeeper. Heart continued to push on 60 minutes when Craig Goodwin had a strike but Hall in goal yet again was the savior.

Results
Newcastle Jets FC 1:1 Perth Glory
AIS 2:0 Gold Coast United
Adelaide United 0:1 Melbourne Heart
Sydney FC 0:1 Central Coast Mariners
Melbourne Victory 1:5 Brisbane Roar

NYL Standings								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
1 Perth Glory FC	3	2	1	0	7	3	4	7
2 Brisbane Roar FC	3	2	0	1	8	4	4	6
3 Melbourne Heart	3	2	0	1	4	5	-1	6
4 Newcastle Jets FC	3	1	2	0	5	4	1	5
5 Adelaide United	3	1	1	1	4	3	1	4
6 CC Mariners	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4
7 Sydney FC	3	1	1	1	6	3	3	4
8 AIS	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
9 Gold Coast United	3	0	0	3	2	7	-5	0
10 Melbourne Victory	2	0	0	2	1	7	-6	0

Next Round
Fri 11 Nov 4:00pm
<b>CC Mariners Vs Melbourne Victory</b>
Pluim Park, Central Coast
Sat 12 Nov 3:30pm
<b>Brisbane Roar Vs AIS</b>
Cleveland Showgrounds, Cleveland
Sun 13 Nov 10:00am
<b>Perth Glory FC Vs Sydney FC</b>
6PR Stadium, Inglewood
Sun 13 Nov 3:00pm
<b>Melbourne Heart FC Vs Newcastle Jets</b>
John Cain Memorial Park, Thornbury
Sun 13 Nov 4:00pm
<b>Gold Coast United Vs Adelaide United</b>
Owen Park, Southport

**Mariners grab first win as Sydney suffer first defeat**  
Central Coast Mariners defeated Sydney FC 1-0 at Leichhardt Oval on Saturday to win their first game of the season. Shannon Cole and Dimitri Petratos were the seniors for the hosts whereas the visitors had up and coming star Mustapha Amini. The Mariners created their first chance in the first minute through Justin Hayward but Sydney goalkeeper Ryan Norval saved. The visitors pushed on with James Oates, Nicholas Litter and Trent Sainsbury had shots blocked and saved. The only goal of the game on 54 minutes when Appiah-Kubi scored yet another goal to add to his growing total this season. It was his second in three games. His initial strike was blocked but his follow up bulged the old onion bag. Sydney's best chances came through Caleb Rufer and Joel Chianese. Chianese put his strike over after Mariners defence pressured and Rufer too put his strike over from close range. Mustapha Amini couldn't finish off the game late with multiple long rang attempts. Lucky for Amini it finished 1-0 to the visitors.



Heart's Craig Goodwin tries to skip past Adelaide United's Nigel Boogard and Daniel Mullen. Photo: ADAM BUTLER



NYL action between Newcastle Jets and Perth Glory. Photo: BEN NEVILLE



# Canberra inflict capital punishment on Sydney

By Ann Odong

**Sydney FC 0**  
**Canberra United 1 (Ashleigh Sykes 19')**  
 An Ashleigh Sykes strike was enough for ladder leaders Canberra United to remain at the summit with a 1 – 0 win over Sydney FC. Perth Glory obtained their first points of the campaign with a 2 – 1 victory over Adelaide United while, in another upset, the Newcastle Jets defeated Brisbane Roar 3 – 2 to round off an action packed Week 3 of the Westfield W-League.

Canberra United maintained their perfect start to the season with a tight 1 – 0 win over Sydney FC at Leichhardt Oval. An Ashleigh Sykes goal in the 19th minute, and some heroic defensive efforts, were enough for the Green Machine to take maximum points.

Fitting of its top billing, the match started off at an intense pace with end-to-end action. However, it was the visitors to settle the fastest. The front third work of Sykes, Taryn Hemmings, Michelle Heyman and Caitlin Munoz created plenty of work for Sydney captain Danielle Brogan and her defensive partner Thea Slatyer.

Canberra finally broke through just on 20 minutes when Heyman struck a ball across the face off goal reaching the fast approaching Sykes. In plenty of space, the 19 year old easily converted. Behind, Sydney ramped up the pressure with Canberra responding late in the half. Despite both Heather Garriock and Hemmings narrowly missing for their respective sides, Canberra maintained their slender lead into the break.

At the resumption of play, it was all out attack from the home side with Caitlin Foord and Garriock leading the charge. With virtually her first touch of the ball, only brilliant goalkeeping by Lydia Williams denied Foord from leveling the scores.

Next was Servet Uzunlar's turn with the defender unleashing from distance only this time to be denied by the crossbar after beating Williams. Canberra created a handful of chances on the counter with Hemmings striking just high and Brogan forced to clear a Heyman strike off the line. Time and again Williams held Sydney at bay off as Foord, Renee Rollason and Brittany Whitfield all unable to beat the United custodian. Canberra held on for their first win over the Sky Blues and their top position.

**Perth Glory 2 (Erika Elze 6', Katarina Jukic 37')**

**Adelaide United 1 (Rachael Quigley 2')**  
 Perth Glory have come from behind to capture all three points after a 2 – 1 over Adelaide United. United striker Rachael Quigley broke the deadlock early with her superb overhead strike before being overhauled by Erica Elze and Katarina Jukic's first half goals.

Looking for their first win in 29 games, the Lady Reds started the contest brightly and were rewarded early. US import Ashleigh Gunning dispossessed her marker early in the contest and her quick one-two with striker Marijana Rajcic allowed Gunning to shoot on goal. Glory goalkeeper Mackenzie Arnold blocked her initial shot but the ball was crossed back into the area with Quigley producing a stunning bicycle kick to open the scoring.

Adelaide didn't maintain the lead for long with Perth hitting back not long after. Winger Mariana Tabain's free kick disrupted the Adelaide defence in the 6th minute with Elze slotting the loose ball home. Two minutes later Tabain again caused problems as she skipped past two defenders, whipping



Lydia Williams makes one of many great saves for Canberra United.



Thea Slatyer tussling with Michelle Heyman.



Canberra celebrates Ashleigh Sykes' goal.

in a cross to the unmarked Emma Kete. However the striker guided her free header wide of the post. Kete was unable to convert two other good chances while Rajcic went closest for Adelaide when she hit the side netting in the 21st minute. Glory finally took the lead seven minutes from the break when Kete turned provider for Jukic who calmly placed the ball home.

Again Adelaide started the second half the stronger and went close to equalizing on several occasions. First when Reds' captain Abby Erceg crashed into Arnold almost taking the 'keeper and the ball over the line. Arnold took several other big hits during the half with Georgia Macri and Ruth Wallace

both cannoning to the 'keeper with the latter earning a yellow card.

Quigley looked to have a second twice but was denied by the crossbar in the 74th minute and the fingertips of Arnold on 80 minutes. Surviving the barrage, Glory's rare foray forward saw Elisa D'Ovidio dragged down in the box but the howls for a penalty were ignored. Despite that the home side were able to hold on for their first win and points of the season. For Adelaide the wait goes on despite a gallant performance.

**Brisbane Roar 2 (Laura Alleway 19', Emily Gielnik 55')**  
**Newcastle Jets 3 (Tara Andrews 24', Lisa**

**De Vanna 73', 88')**  
**The Newcastle Jets have strengthened their title contender's credentials with a goal packed 3 – 2 win over the Brisbane Roar at Cleveland Showgrounds.**

Two penalty goals from former Brisbane championship hero Lisa De Vanna and a Tara Andrews strike cancelled out Laura Alleway and Emily Gielnik's first half efforts.

The experienced defending champions started the match the better controlling possession and the tempo of the match. After several attacks the opener came from a surprising source in the 18th minute. On 18 yards central defender Alleway neatly

controlled a pass before beautifully curling in a strike into the top left corner passed Melissa Barbieri.

Emily Gielnik went close to doubling the lead five minutes later when she found herself one-on-one with Barbieri only to see her effort crash into the upright. The miss proved costly when Newcastle cleared the rebound and, on the counter, De Vanna turned her defender and found Andrews with the Young Matildas' strike calmly finishing. The two sides went into the break evenly matched in possession and on the scoreboard.

Ten minutes into the second half, the home side once again took control with

## Results

Perth Glory 2:1 Adelaide United

Sydney FC 0:1 Canberra United

Brisbane Roar 2:3 Newcastle Jets FC

Melbourne Victory Vs Bye

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4 Melbourne Victory	2	1	0	3	4	-1	3
5 Perth Glory FC	3	1	0	2	4	6	-2
6 Brisbane Roar	2	0	1	3	4	-1	1
7 Adelaide United FC	3	0	0	3	2	9	-7

## Next Round

Sat 12 Nov 3:00pm  
**Newcastle Jets Vs Sydney FC**  
 Adamstown Oval, Newcastle

Sat 12 Nov 3:00pm  
**Canberra United Vs Melbourne Victory**  
 McKellar Park, Canberra

Sat 12 Nov 4:00pm  
**Adelaide United Vs Brisbane Roar**  
 Burton Park

Perth Glory Vs Bye



Ellyse Perry battles with Caitlin Foord.

Gielnik atoning for her earlier miss with a spectacular strike from distance on a tight angle. The match was then turned on its head in the 70th minute when De Vanna and Brisbane goalkeeper Casey Dumont collided. Dumont was shown a red and De Vanna converted the penalty to level the scores. The winner came via another penalty in the 83rd minute when substitute Karla Reuter was penalised for a handball with De Vanna again putting away the resulting spot kick. Tameka Butt and Sasha McDonnell attempted to pull the Roar back into the match and their finishing cost them and the team.



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who were looking for their first points or the season after both suffering defeats last week.

Richmond were not as fortunate as they started with a bare minimum of players and lost playmaker Victor Zaia who showed a lot of promise last week. After conceding a few soft goals against Fitzroy last week, Richmond looked to play a bit tighter in their defence, but Ashsburton's new young star, Callum Davies was quick off the mark to put his side in front within the first minute.

the second half saw a lot more fortune come the way of Richmond as the lively Tony Mes-  
sias arrived late and not only did he add fresh  
against Ashburton.

rewarded for their persistence as Davies and Johns showed their more senior team mates how it's done with two quality goals to level the game at 1-1.

V-League crown in the 2011-12 season and that task will surely be made more likely with the inclusion of Rasoulzadeh.

Not wanting to let go of their hard-earned lead, Brunswick held out Fitzroy for the remainder of the half to see out a 5-4 win, **To follow the demolition of the previous game, we saw current league title holders North Melbourne take on Mickleham, a**

Balwyn on the other hand were without key strikers David Straniero Ivan Zilic whose omissions would certainly make the 'all-

2 FC Essendon 2 2 0 0 17 10 7 6  
 3 North Melbourne FC 2 2 0 0 11 7 4 6  
 4 FC Prahran 2 1 0 1 15 8 7 3  
 5 Fitzroy FC 2 1 0 1 12 8 5 2

**FC Prahran v Metropolitani FC (12-5)**  
The next encounter of the night was yet another 'glamour clash' as Prahran took on Metropolitani in yet another game where both teams were looking for their first points of the 11-12 season. Prahran maintained an unchanged squad after last weeks shock loss to Balwyn, only without Heo Tran who was missing through injury. Fitzroy manager, Manny Karas also tried to

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As the half grew older, and a Pascoe Vale win seemed all the more likely, Brimbank seemed to let go of their defensive game-plan and play with a lot more fluidity, creating some beautifully worked goals scored by Karic (his second) and Fikret Causevic to complete the respectable 8-4

fitzroy's fortunes continued to get better and better soon after as Brunswick's Futsalroo representative, Danny Ngaluafae was handed a straight red for man-handling Manny Karas in a protest to a foul which was given against

in one of the most dominating performances from a strike duo in recent memory.


Prahran keeper, Michael Chami was to thank for keeping Metro scoreless in the second half, and the defensive pairing of Clint Mogoi and Resit Culculoglu also seems to be com-

De Moraes? One thing is for sure, all will be answered in the coming weeks!

**FC Essendon v FC Balwyn (8-4)**  
To cap off what was one of the most entertaining nights of futsal seen in the

in the mouth, especially keeper Frano Saric who made some very poor decisions in the last line of defence – a very uncharacteristic performance by the talented young keeper.

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**FUTSAL** 

**Rd Two RESULTS**  
**Wed 9th Nov**

- 6:30 Ashburton FC v FC Richmond 4 - 4
- 7:15 Pascoe Vale FC v Brimbank FC 8 - 4
- 8:00 Fitzroy FC v CF Brunswick 4 - 5
- 8:45 FC Prahran v Metropolitan FC 12 - 3
- 9:30 North Melbourne FC v Mickleham FC 5 - 2
- 10:15 FC Essendon v FC Balwyn 8 - 4

FOz Cup Top Goal Scorers	
1) A. Nabbout FCE	8
2) M. Avram FCP	8
3) J. Da Silva PVFC	7
4) Jason. Barrientos North FC	5



# VASCO DA GAMA THROUGH TO COPA SUDAMERICANA SEMI

Latin  
Wrap

Francis Fields

Juventus midfielder Arturo Vidal was among five players dropped by Chile coach Claudio Borghi on Wednesday after they returned to the team hotel late and drunk.

Borghi told a press conference early Thursday the players missed their curfew by 45 minutes on Tuesday and were "in a state not adequate for the Chilean national team, for a professional player."

Birmingham City winger Jean Beausejour, Atalanta defender Carlos Carmona, Palmeiras playmaker Jorge Valdivia and Brighton and Hove Albion defender Gonzalo Jara were the other players involved.

Borghi said he was "hurt" by the players' behavior and will not consider them for the World Cup qualifiers away to Uruguay on Saturday and at home to Paraguay four days later.

"It's hurtful, not just for me, but for the whole coaching staff," Borghi said, adding that the players had "broken their word."

All five players are established members of the Chile team, though Jara is currently carrying an injury and Beausejour is suspended for the match with Uruguay.

Borghi said Vidal, a \$17 million signing for Serie A giant Juventus in July, would have played on Friday along with Valdivia.

Local media reports suggested the players were returning from Valdivia's daughter's baptism. Borghi said the five players were "unable to defend themselves" and "not in good condition" when he went to their rooms to demand an explanation.

"If you ask me what they drank, I have no idea," Borghi said.

Chile lost its opening qualifier 4-1 away to Argentina last month before beating Peru 4-2 at home, with all five players involved in both matches.



Alecandro with the fifth and deciding killer goal sending Vasco da Gama through to the Copa Sudamericana semi finals.



Neymar confirms he shall stay at Santos by signing an extension to his contract until 2014.

They have now returned to their clubs and Borghi has called up five players from Chilean clubs as replacements. Borghi said it would be up to the Chilean football federation to decide on any long-term punishment.

"I can't sanction the players," he said. "But I can leave them out of the national side."

The one bright spot for the Chile coach was the return from injury of Barcelona star Alexis Sanchez.

"Alexis is an elite player, like some of the players we have," Uruguay coach Tabarez said. "Generally, the great players have an influence over how the team plays."

Argentina meanwhile needs to resolve old problems ahead of World Cup qualifying matches against Bolivia at home on Saturday and Colombia away four days later.

Blending a fearsome attack including Barcelona star Lionel Messi with a shaky defense proved beyond coach Alejandro Sabella's predecessors Sergio Batista and Diego Maradona. Sabella must fix the inconsistencies quickly after his first two qualifiers in charge resulted in a promising 4-1 win against Chile—which included Messi's first competitive goal in 17 international matches—followed by a first ever loss at Venezuela.

Sabella said he learned valuable lessons from the Venezuela defeat.

"I should have made a substitution after five minutes of the sec-

ond half because they finished the first half better," he acknowledged. "And we didn't travel a day before like we will do against Colombia."

Anything but victory against underdog Bolivia would put Argentina's campaign under mounting pressure, but Manchester City striker Sergio Agüero said nothing could be taken for granted.

"Nowadays, any country can beat you. We have good players and we have to be prepared to start winning all these games," he said.

Sabella's principal absentee is Real Madrid winger Angel Di Maria, who damaged his left hamstring during his club's 7-1 rout of Osasuna last Monday morning. Di Maria was in sparkling form before his injury and his loss will be a blow as Sabella studies ways of breaking down a Bolivia side likely to defend in numbers. Messi also trained apart from the main group on Tuesday, although he is unlikely to miss Saturday's match.

"There aren't any secrets," acknowledged Bolivia coach Carlos Quintero. "Our success against Argentina will depend on our defensive play."

Elsewhere in South America on Saturday, early leader Uruguay hosts Chile, Venezuela travels to Colombia and Ecuador visits Paraguay.

Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez has six regular players ruled out through injury, including talismanic striker Diego Forlan, as he looks to build on a 4-2 home

win against Bolivia and 1-1 draw away to Paraguay.

Liverpool's Luis Suarez and Napoli's Edinson Cavani will likely lead the line in Forlan's absence. "e players we have," Uruguay coach Tabarez said. "Generally, the great players have an influence over how the team plays." Meanwhile, Colombia will hope to follow up a 2-1 opening win at Bolivia with victory at home to Venezuela in a match between two teams that failed to qualify for the 2010 World Cup.

As the game against Argentina showed, however, Venezuela is no longer the continent's push-over and has Malaga forward Salomon Rondon providing pace and penetration up front.

Venezuela is still the only CONMEBOL team never to reach the finals, but with Brazil qualified automatically as host, there is an extra spot available for South American teams.

In the final match in the region, Paraguay should have Borussia Dortmund striker Lucas Barrios fit to return after three months out with an injury sustained in the Copa America. Barrios' recovery is well timed, as fellow forwards Roque Santa Cruz of Real Betis and Oscar Cardozo of Benfica were left out of the squad with injuries.

## COPA SUDAMERICANA QUARTER FINALS

Vasco da Gama grabbed its semi final birth on Thursday with a valuable win over Peruvian giants Universitario at

## home in Rio de Janeiro in the Copa Sudamericana quarter finals, 5-2.

Coach Cristovao Borges was relieved his players delivered after a 2-0 loss in the first leg last week in Lima.

Relying on the speed of Eder and the defensive frailties on the left hand side for Universitario, Vasco da Gama made full advantage although strike partner Elton missed a brace of opportunities.

The floodgates opened from the penalty spot as Juninho Pernambucano was brought down and converted by Diego Souza. By half-time it was 1-1 and with two red cards, the goalscorer Souza and Universitario's Antonio Gonzalez.

Universitario got the lead, 2-1 soon after the break when Jesus Rabanal picked up a loose ball and nailed it home. From then on, Vasco needed four goals to revert and they did just that.

Rabanal then got his marching orders and Elton scored with a header as the goals for Vasco came from Dede as well on 72 minutes beating goalkeeper Luis Llontop with another precise header.

From then on, on 81 minutes played Vasco da Gama continued to command and courtesy of substitute Alecsandro, the fifth and deciding goal arrived. Vasco da Gama awaits the winner of the tie between Universidad de Chile and Arsenal de Sarandi of Argentina.

Finally in other news this week, Neymar has put reports to rest

as the gifted 19-year-old has rejected offers from big European clubs, notably Barcelona and Real Madrid, to stay at home with club side Santos and become one of the world's richest footballers.

The Brazil international will stay at Santos until 2014, the year his country stages the World Cup finals, the teenager said after signing a new and improved contract.

"I'm very happy, it's another decision I'm taking in my life, a family decision," Neymar told a news conference where he was handed a Santos shirt with the number 2014 on it by club president Luis Alvaro de Oliveira.

"There was interest (from other clubs) but my father didn't tell me about any concrete offers. I always said I wanted to stay here."

De Oliveira said Neymar was tired of speculation about his future.

"Neymar has got tired of being 'sold' to Barcelona and Real Madrid in these last months. The truth is he will stay at Santos until 2014," he said.

Local media said Neymar would earn around 3 million Brazilian real (\$1.73 million) per month in salary and sponsorship, about 20.4 million a year.

Stay tuned for next week's World Cup qualifying wrap-up plus Copa Sudamericana quarter final action.

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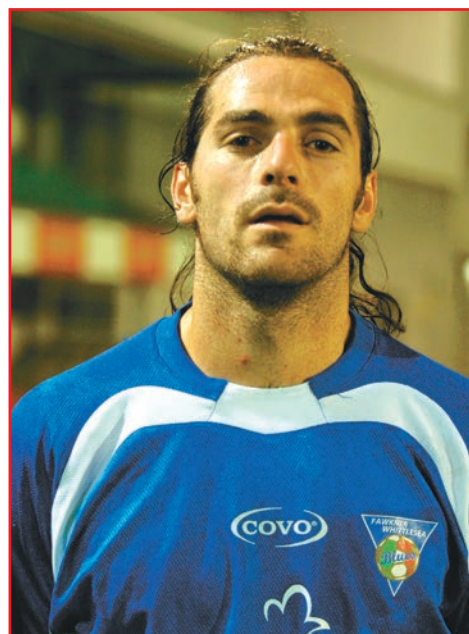
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**Tevez faces fresh City sanctions**  
Carlos Tevez faces further punishment from Manchester City after the striker travelled to Argentina without the club's permission.

The 27-year-old landed at Ezeiza Airport in Buenos Aires on Tuesday, despite a request to return to his homeland being declined by manager Roberto Mancini.

Tevez was due at City's Carrington training ground on Wednesday but did not show up.

It is the latest in a long line of indiscretions involving Tevez, who on Tuesday accepted a fine from the club after refusing to warm-up in a Champions League match against Bayern Munich earlier this season.

The former Manchester United player was close to leaving England in the off-season but a move back to former side Corinthians fell through.

**Eto'o on award shortlist**  
The Confederation of African Football have announced the 2011 African Player of the Year nominees, including four-time winner Samuel Eto'o.

The 10 shortlisted players are highlighted by Cameroonian Eto'o, Ivory Coast duo Didier Drogba and Yaya Toure, Asamoah Gyan of Ghana and Morocco's Adel Taarabt.

Also on the shortlist are Ghana midfielders Andre Ayew and Kevin-Prince Boateng, Moussa Sow of Senegal, Mali's Seydou Keita and another Ivorian, Gervinho.

The players were named based on their performances and contribution at club and national level during the year under review.

The eventual winner will be declared on December 22 in Ghana's capital, Accra, after the list has been pruned down to three. Arshavin ponders Arsenal exit

**Arshavin ponders Arsenal exit**  
Arsenal's Andrei Arshavin says that he will consider leaving the club if he continues to be 'glued to the bench' by manager Arsene Wenger.

The 30 year-old Russian said that Wenger's 'unique philosophy' means that players are substituted regardless of how good their performance is.

"Right now I don't think about changing



Neymar stays put in Brazil

clubs. If I will be benched for a very long time, then such an issue might be relevant," Arshavin told Sport Express.

"I still want to play for 90 minutes, but now I am glued to the bench. I wouldn't like to play for a Russian club other than Zenit (St Petersburg), and there were no contacts with Anzhi Makhachkala."

"I still support Barcelona. They are the best team."

Arshavin recently admitted to being an average signing for the Gunners following his arrival from Zenit in a 15-million-pound move in 2009, despite shining initially.

He describes his manager as a stubborn individual, and believes the Frenchman will only leave when he wants to as he has the full support of the Arsenal board.

"Wenger is a very strict manager. He always gladly helps when there are difficulties off the pitch, but nobody at Arsenal even thinks to talk him into changes when it comes to football issues. The answer is obvious to everyone," Arshavin said.

"It's true that Wenger has a unique philosophy. Sometimes you know that you will be replaced at 70 minutes, regardless of how well you play. Sometimes you sit on the bench and know for sure you will enter the game at 65 minutes."

"Wenger has full support from the board. I think he will leave Arsenal only



Arshavin could be out on his...

when he chooses to."

Arshavin also revealed he was furious at being substituted by the Frenchman during the League Cup final defeat to Birmingham City last season, and blasted the team for losing the match against a side who were eventually relegated to the Championship.

"When we lost in the League Cup final, I thought that you have to be real stupid guys to lose to Birmingham. I was angry when I was substituted in that game," he added.

**Neymar signs new Santos deal**  
Brazilian starlet Neymar has signed a new deal with Santos, ending months of speculation over a potential move to Real Madrid or Barcelona.

Amid reports that he was set for a transfer to La Liga in 2012, Neymar's agent confirmed on Wednesday that the 19-year-old has negotiated a lucrative new deal with Copa Libertadores holders Santos.

The contract duration, which currently runs until 2015, remains unchanged, but the Brazil international will receive a substantial pay rise as well as an increase in the buy-out clause.

The striker's agent, Wagner Ribeiro, said his client was delighted at having the chance to stay on.

"Neymar is happy to be able to remain with Santos until at least 2014, after that

he will decide where to go," Ribeiro told Lance on Wednesday.

Santos are now expected to announce the move officially as details over Neymar's new deal emerge.

The Brazilian is expected to earn around 1.2 million euros per month, while his buy-out clause, believed to be around 45 million euros, is set to increase.

Spanish giants Barcelona and Real had been linked with the youngster in the off-season, but Santos had announced they were looking to tie the player down to a new deal.

**Messi Mission**  
Coach Gustavo Quinteros says closing down Lionel Messi is key for Bolivia in Friday's CONMEBOL World Cup qualifying clash with Argentina.

Bolivia are pointless and lie bottom of the standings for in the race to Brazil in 2014, starting their campaign with defeats against Uruguay and Colombia.

As Bolivia prepare to visit Buenos Aires' Monumental to face Argentina, Quinteros said his charges should not be written off before the game - though he knows a solid defensive effort is vital.

"It is always a danger if you attack Argentina too much, if you give too much space to (Gonzalo) Higuain, Messi, (Sergio) Aguero of course you are going to risk more than if you play a tighter game, closing the spaces and not giving up chances," the Argentine Quinteros told La Red on Wednesday.

"If the minutes go by and they still have not hurt you, Argentina are going to come out more desperate, risking more and that is when you can take advantage."

Quinteros singled out Messi as the biggest danger to his side's chances, and urged Bolivia to control the Barcelona star.

"We have to control Messi wherever he goes, without having to rely on a man-marker. The key is putting on him solid, firm, sticky marking, without bad intentions to not leave him the spaces he enjoys in Europe," he said.

"When he has time on the ball it is very difficult to control him. You have to be close all the time."

## FA Cup first round proper commences

League One leaders and 1947 FA Cup winners Charlton Athletic will travel to Blue Square Bet North side FC Halifax Town in the first round proper.

Morecambe host three-times cup winners Sheffield Wednesday, while Sheffield United entertain Oxford United, who are managed by Blades fan Chris Wilder.

Isthmian Division One North side Redbridge, the lowest-ranked team in the draw, are at home to Oxford City.

Ties will be played on the weekend of 12 and 13 November.

Northern Premier Division side Nantwich Town, managed by former Northern Ireland international striker Jimmy Quinn, are rewarded for reaching the first round proper for the first time in the club's 127-year history with an away tie at League One promotion hopefuls MK Dons.

And Aldershot Town, who lost 3-0 to Manchester United in the last 16 of the Carling Cup on Tuesday, have been handed a tricky looking tie at Blue Square Bet South side Maidenhead United.

Redbridge against Oxford City is one of eight all non-league ties in the first round, with others including Blue Square Bet Premier leaders Wrexham at Cambridge United, AFC Totton versus Bradford Park Avenue and Salisbury City at home to Arlesley Town.

## FA Cup First Round

Hereford United v Yeovil Town
Bury v Crawley Town
Luton Town v Northampton Town
Cambridge United v Wrexham
Morecambe v Sheffield Wednesday
Swindon Town v Huddersfield Town
Redbridge v Oxford City
Bristol Rovers v Corby Town
Oldham Athletic v Burton Albion
Preston North End v Southend United
Dagenham & Redbridge v Bath City
Hartlepool United v Stevenage
Blyth Spartans v Gateshead
Alfreton Town v Carlisle United
Chesterfield v Torquay United
Crewe Alexandra v Colchester United
Tranmere Rovers v Cheltenham Town
Chelmsford City v AFC Telford United
Hinckley United v Tamworth
Exeter City v Walsall
Bradford City v Rochdale
Notts County v Accrington Stanley
Port Vale v Grimsby Town
Sheffield United v Oxford United
FC Halifax Town v Charlton Athletic
Sutton United v Kettering Town
AFC Bourmouthe v Gillingham
MK Dons v Nantwich Town
AFC Totton v Bradford Park Avenue
Newport County v Shrewsbury Town
Leyton Orient v Bromley
East Thurrock Utd v Macclesfield Town
AFC Wimbledon v Scunthorpe United
Salisbury City v Arlesley Town
Brentford v Basingstoke Town
Maidenhead United v Aldershot Town
Fleetwood Town v Wycombe Wanderers
Barrow v Rotherham United
Southport v Barnet
Plymouth Argyle v Stourbridge

## Capello to miss son's wedding day

England coach Fabio Capello will have to toast his son's marriage from the Wembley dugout on Saturday when his side host world champions Spain in a friendly.

Italian Capello's youngest son Pierfilippo is tying the knot with his partner Tiziana on the same day.

The Spain friendly was due to be played on Friday night, but was rearranged -- with the agreement of Capello's former general manager Franco Baldini -- because of Barcelona's King's Cup match against Hospitalet on Wednesday.

"He is a football manager first," Pierfilippo was quoted as saying in the English media.

"He has been that ever since I was a child and sometimes being a football manager can make strange demands on your time. You just have to accept that."



# Sir Alex hits milestone



Steven Talevski

Sir Alex Ferguson celebrated his 25th year anniversary at Old Trafford with a one nil victory over Sunderland courtesy of an own goal from former United defender Wes Brown.

Prior to the match Old Trafford's north stand was renamed The Sir Alex Ferguson Stand something that Sir Alex Ferguson said he never expected.

"That was a real surprise. I'm so proud and honoured and I have to thank Manchester United for doing that. It was very good of them."

Congratulations continued for Sir Alex Ferguson around the world as Barcelona manager Pep Guardiola said, "When somebody has spent 25 years at a team like Manchester [United], the only thing you can do is stand up and take your hat off."

The win keeps Manchester United five points behind top of the table Manchester City after they came back from being one nil down and then tied at two all to defeat Queens Park Rangers 3-2 at Loftus Road.

Surprise packets this season, Newcastle United defeated Everton at Sir James Park 2-1 to stay undefeated



Boys and their toys: Liverpool fans look away now. Sir Alex Ferguson and one of his many pieces of silverware achieved at Old Trafford over the years.

and in third place on the table.

The eleven game unbeaten run from the start of the season is now the equal most for Newcastle United, matching the starts of the 1950-51 and 1994-95 seasons.

However Newcastle United will face their toughest test to date after the international break when they travel to the Etihad Stadium to face Manchester City.

Just three points off Newcastle United are Chelsea who defeated Blackburn at Ewood Park one nil thanks to a Frank Lampard header in the 51st minute.

Fans have continued to protest for Steve Kean to be sacked from the Blackburn managerial role as a plane flew over Ewood Park with a banner saying 'Steve Kean Out'.

"I didn't see the plane and I don't know what it said," said Kean after the game. "This has been going on for a while and all we can do is accept it's likely to be a part of match days."

Blackburn is now second last on the table as Bolton moved up to third last after an extraordinary five nil victory at home to Stoke City.

Doubles from Chris Eagles and Ivan Klasnic and a second minute opener to Mark Davis saw Bolton reverse the five nil result from their thumping at the hands to Stoke City in last season's FA Cup semi-final.

Wigan's 3-1 defeat away to Wolverhampton Wanderers sees them stay on the bottom of the table as they will comeback after the international break to face Blackburn who is just

one point above them.

After a disappointing start of the season Tottenham Hotspur continued their eight game undefeated streak with a 3-1 victory over Fulham at Craven Cottage.

The win keeps Tottenham just three points off third place Newcastle United with the Spurs having a game in hand.

Three points below Tottenham are Liverpool and Arsenal who are coming off differing results this weekend.

Arsenal had a three nil victory over West Bromwich Albion with goals from Mikel Arteta, Thomas Vermaelen and Robin Van Persie who is now the Premier League lone top goal scorer with eleven goals.

Liverpool had a disappointing nil all draw at Anfield against Swansea City with the draw being their third draw in a row at home in the Premier League.

Meanwhile Australian Chris Herd played a full game for Aston Villa as they defeated Norwich City 3-1 at Villa Park.

However in the dying minutes of the game, Chris Herd picked up an ankle injury forcing him out of Australia's World Cup qualifiers away to Oman and Thailand where he may have made his Socceroos debut.

The Premier League will go on a hiatus this weekend due to an international break and will return on the 19th of November.

## IN OFF THE POST

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Got something to say? Why don't you share it with the rest of the football community and get it off your chest.

**Dear GW,**

There is this bloke at Old Trafford who has been there for 25 years. In all that time he has never kicked a ball for Manchester United. He has never scored a goal. He has abused his workers beyond mercy. He has burned many of them with his hairdryer. He throws hot cups of tea at them and kicks footballs at them causing grievous bodily harm. He has sacked many of them ruthlessly in the prime of life. He has consorted with Irish racehorse owners, American billionaires and other shady characters. His team keeps losing Champions league cup finals to a Spanish outfit. He was only kept in a job because a worker he later sacked scored a goal against Norwich City.

Now the media wants to make him out to be some sort of saint, I suspect because they are all frightened of him. He is so old he remembers their fathers so could make their lives a misery by telling

ing their dads about them. He is rude to the press, goes in a huff and will not speak to them and runs his own television station which puts out stories like Pravda used to do in the Soviet Union. He has written umpteen books telling his side of the story and nearly all the books about him are hagiographies.

He abuses referees, claims the world is against him and his team, even though they are one of the largest brands in world football. He spits and chews gum in public. He defended one of his workers when the fellow kung-fued a spectator who annoyed him. He is a bad loser and sometimes an ever worse winner.

The only good thing I can say about him is that he once played for Ayr United, though he made Ally McLeod's life hard at times.

**B. Anderson  
Bell Park**



Bringing back to the Biff....





# New leaders in Serie A as rain wreaks havoc



Udinese and Lazio are new joint leaders in Serie A as Juventus' match at Napoli was washed out. Inter were also halted because of floods, but Milan continued their winning streak, while Sinisa Mihajlovic and Massimo Ficcadenti have been shown the door.

The much-anticipated Scudetto showdown on Sunday evening in Naples never made it to the pitch but has still grabbed the headlines. Flooding caused by heavy rain throughout the night and on the morning of the game caused its postponement, with areas around the Stadio San Paolo in bad shape. However some say the decision was made hastily as footage from the afternoon shows a sunny city and a stadium in almost perfect condition.

As tends to be the case in Italy, conspiracy theories came to light almost instantly: Napoli, after a difficult week and two straight losses, were all too happy to oblige with a delay whereas Juve came into the match in superb form and were none too pleased. Whatever the truth, we do know that one person died and it was the City of Naples who ordered the postponement. The League's governing body, Lega Serie A, were never involved in the decision making process, while Juventus found out about the decision when watching Sky Sport. The match is set to take place on November 29th.

Maurizio Beretta, Lega Serie A president, said: "I understand the atmosphere of concern, in light of what has happened over the last few days, so I won't go into the merits of the decision. But the fact is this decision was taken without consulting the body that organises the league." Perhaps also tipping the scales in favour



Morale is high at Udinese as the Anotonio Di Natale side continues to impress this season.

of a delay was the scenes in Genoa. The Grifoni and Inter were scheduled to play Sunday lunchtime, but flooding, which took the lives of seven people, caused the postponement. The day before, both clubs agreed to the decision. Meanwhile, the match will now occur on December 13th.

Despite persistent rain seemingly covering the entire peninsula, all other matches took place. In Verona it turned out to be Sinisa Mihajlovic's last in charge of Fiorentina. The fans were never fanatical about the Serb and he paid for the poor start made this season, with only 12 points collected thus far. A day after the 1-0 defeat against Chievo he was asked to resign, but refused and was promptly sacked. Delio Rossi, lastly of Palermo, has agreed to a two-year contract and will look to build Fiorentina into an outfit once again capable of challenging for a Champions League position.

Also relived of his duties is Cagliari's Massimo Ficcadenti. He only took over in August and their start had been impressive, but a poor run of results, culminating in the 1-0 defeat at Atalanta, meant he was sacked on Tuesday night. Davide Ballardini has now taken over at the Stadio Sant'Elia for his third stint at the club. Udinese continued their fantastic run with

another victory, 2-1 over Siena. Antonio Di Natale was on the scoresheet once again while Samir Handanovic conceded a goal at home for the first time this season. Lazio are too flying high, following a scrappy 1-0 win against Parma. Giuseppe Sculli prodded the ball over the line from close range after good lead-up work from Miroslav Klose. The German, who has been in tremendous form this season, for the first time has gone two matches without a goal, including European competition.

Close behind the unexpected leaders are Milan, fresh from their fifth straight win. Catania was their latest victim, on the receiving end of a 4-0 drubbing. Zlatan Ibrahimovic netted a penalty, Robinho a fine second, and then veterans Clarence Seedorf and Gianluca Zambrotta rounded out the scoring. It was clear Milan was playing for stricken Antonio Cassano, who underwent successful heart surgery after his scare last week. The Rossoneri have netted 18 times in these five victories.

Daniele Arrigoni's reign at Cesena got off to a losing start, going down 1-0 at home to Lecce. Still winless, and with a total of three goals scored in ten matches, Cesena's unwanted scoring (or lack thereof) record is only matched by the Mantova side of 1964/65.

Roma, who once again fielded a different starting XI as has been the norm under Luis Enrique, got over the line at Novara, winning 2-0. It took until the 73rd minute for Bojan Krkic to open the scoring and just three minutes later Pablo Osvaldo doubled the advantage. Palermo beat Bologna comfortably, 3-1, to add to their fine home record.

Cesare Prandelli named his Italian squad for the upcoming friendlies against Poland on Friday and Uruguay on Tuesday. With Cassano out for at least six months due to his heart operation and Giuseppe Rossi rupturing knee ligaments, the time is now to experiment with the strikers. Those two players will possibly not play at Euro 2012 but if they do, both will be underdone match-fitness wise. Anyhow, Sebastian Giovinco went down injured and has been sent home. Yet, Di Natale still cannot get a look-in despite his incredible scoring record, which stands at 77 goals in his last 92 Serie A appearances, going back to the start of the 2008-09 season. Ignazio Abate has earned a first call-up, while Simone Pepe and Alessandro Matri are back in the squad.

**ITALY SQUAD**  
**Goalkeepers:** Gianluigi Buffon (Juventus), Salvatore Sirigu (Paris St Germain), Morgan De Sanctis (Napoli).  
**Defenders:** Ignazio Abate (Milan), Federico Balzaretti (Palermo), Andrea Barzagli (Juventus), Giorgio Chiellini (Juventus), Domenico Criscito (Zenit St Petersburg), Christian Maggio (Napoli), Angelo Ogbonna (Torino), Andrea Ranocchia (Inter).  
**Midfielders:** Alberto Aquilani (Milan), Daniele De Rossi (Roma), Claudio Marchisio (Juventus), Riccardo Montolivo (Fiorentina), Thiago Motta (Inter), Antonio Nocerino (Palermo), Andrea Pirlo (Juventus).  
**Forwards:** Mario Balotelli (Manchester City), Alessandro Matri (Juventus), Pablo Osvaldo (Roma), Giampaolo Pazzini (Inter), Simone Pepe (Juventus).

## Viva Espana



### Pepe Lopez

#### MANZANO GETS THE 'VOTE'

Under fire Atletico Madrid coach Gregorio Manzano has survived the notorious vote of confidence from the Atletico Madrid board, for now.

Manzano spent 66.5 Million Euro during the La Liga off-season to bring in players Colombian Striker Radamel Falcao, Turkish Midfielder Arda Turan and Brazilian Playmaker Diego.

Atletico Madrid Sporting Director was quoted on the Atletico Madrid web-site as saying; "Our project cannot last just four months, it was designed to reach certain ends and it will not finish prematurely... What we must do is demonstrate we deserve to be at a club as big as Atletico. This is not the time to take drastic measures, but to find solutions to a situation in which we should never have found ourselves in."

The latest drama surrounding the Atleti Coach, comes after the Rojiblanco's gave away a 1-0 lead away to 10 man Getafe, eventually losing 3-2.

In the press conference following the match Manzano was clearly distressed by the result; "The match was there for us for the taking and having not won makes this, for me, the match that I leave the most hurt from..."

This can't ever happen again at Atletico. In football, if you lack intensity on the field, it's not worth anything. In these coming days, we must reflect."

In the match lost to Getafe, there was still no room in the squad for star midfielder Antonio Reyes, who has fallen out with the Manzano.

According to club, Reyes has now missed two weeks of football with "the flu".

Despite the show of support from the club's sporting director, surprisingly not from the usual talkative President Enrique Cerezo, there appear to be moves behind the scenes to secure a new coach for the Madrid club. Two names have been speculated in Spanish media in the past week, in relation to the being the next coach of Atletico Madrid. Italian Roberto Donadoni who last coached Serie A club Cagliari and the Italian National Team at the 2008 European Championships, and Valencia FC's Coach of the past 4 seasons, Unai Emery Etexgoien. Meanwhile Atletico Madrid's former Coach Quique Sanchez Flores has just been announced as the new coach of Emirates club Al Ahli, who recently contested the Gulf Champions League Final.

#### REAL OPEN GAP AT TOP

At the top of La Liga, Real Madrid have opened up a 3 point advantage over rivals Barcelona FC. Osasuna were no match for Real Madrid, losing 7-1 at the Santiago Bernabau, Ronaldo scoring yet another hattrick for his club.

Barcelona lost 2 points away to Basque club Athletic Bilbao, and have Lionel Messi to thank for an injury time equaliser. Barcelona midfielder Cesc Fabregas was full of praise for Bilbao on the Barcelona FC web-site; "(It) was very difficult, we had to put a lot of effort in, there was a lot of rain, and the fans were fantastic... The pitch was really wet, it was difficult, the last two goals were defensive errors... their coach (former Chile National Coach Marcelo Bielsa) is very good, we know that they will have a fantastic season."

# Ergic and Dragutinovic were cases of a Few Dollars More

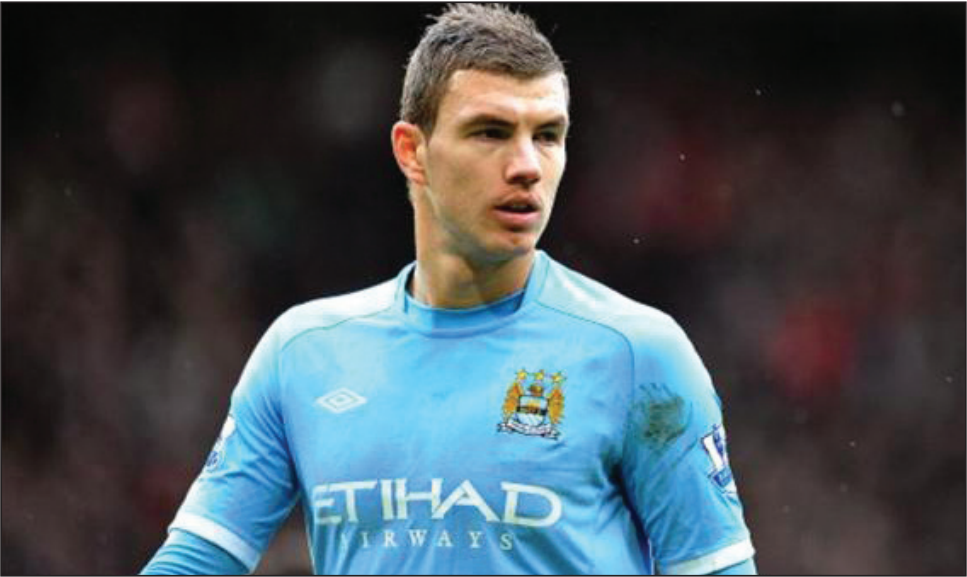


The Serbian SuperLiga is the elite football competition in the country of Serbia and boasts 16 of the best teams in the nation, but only two teams are likely to win the league - Red Star and Partizan. The two most successful clubs in Serbian football.

Ahead of each season both sides compete for transfer targets and fight for national team talent and in the end it is the club that offers both the player and club the most money who are most likely to sign him.

It's a rare case that once a footballer leaves Serbia that he returns in the future - especially from the top two clubs - but in recent years players have started returning to Partizan a club they still hold a lot of respect towards but also a club that will offer the wage demands the player is seeking. Saying that Red Star have on many occasions failed to bring back former players or Serbian stars who have spent most of their careers in Europe's top leagues.

Before the start of the 2011/12 season there was a lot of talk about Red Star luring two experienced former national team players - Ivica Dragutinovic and Ivan Ergic - back to the club. Both players were available on a free transfer as their contracts with Sevilla and Bursaspor



Bosnia and Man City star Edin Dzeko is fully fit and will take on the might of Ronaldo and Nani's Portugal on the weekend

had ended. The two had successful careers in Europe and were now looking for a new challenge as well as a league where they didn't have to play to the level of football they have been used to. So Serbia would have been a good destination.

Both players were close to agreeing deals with the 'Red and Whites' but at the end the excuse was 'I'm not yet ready for a return home even though I would like to or I'm looking at the other offers I have received, but you never know I could make a return home.' Ergic and Dragutinovic did not sign for Red Star nor did they sign for any club. Ergic apparently had offers in Switzerland and Turkey while Dragutinovic was close to making a big money move to one of the rich Arab nations.

Footballers constantly complain about how their lives are not what they are made out to be but at the end of the day 90% of them are all hunting the money, no matter what stage of their careers they are at. Ergic and Dragutinovic would have been great signings for a struggling league like Serbia but they didn't want to play for peanuts or they thought that they're worth more than was being offered.

Partizan have however brought back some big names over the past few seasons. Influential players like Mladen Krstajic, Zvonimir Vukic and Sasa Ilic have helped the club win the last four Serbian League titles and this is the main reason Partizan have dominated the league. A wealth of experience helps youngsters in

their development and boosts their confidence which in return gives them room for improvement and a lot of opportunities to learn.

Red Star have failed in doing this, any experienced player can give a club a lot and every player that has played in Europe can share his experiences with young up and coming talents. Most of the smaller leagues were built on the experienced players who in return win you titles and take the pressure off the youngsters who give the club performances they are after. It's also vital for continued fan support, tv rights in order to continue to raise the level of the league.

#### League Action

A 27th minute Scepovic strike was good enough for Partizan to hold its four point lead over rival Red Star which managed to defeat a resilient OFK Beograd 3:1 in front of 15,000 at the 'Markana' where the support has been excellent this season. Andrija Kaludjerovic scored a double within a minute only to have OFK peg one back in from an Adi own goal, with 15 minutes remaining Colombian striker Borja sealed the win for Prosinetki's men. Radnicki Kragujevac is third following a 2:1 win over Sloboda which now drops to fourth. In Round 12 Red Star takes on sixth placed Jagodina while Partizan welcomes relegation battler Borac Cacak ahead of the 'Eternal Derby' which takes place on the 26th. The National Team will play to friendly matches this week as Curcic's men take on Mexico and Honduras in their Central American adventure. Vladimir Stojkovic has been called back into the team having not played since the controversial incidents in Genoa. Birmingham City striker Nikola Zigic is the new captain since the departures of Dejan Stankovic and Nemanja Vidic from International duty.

#### Croatia

Following Pletikosa, Strinic, Lovren and Vrsaljko, Tottenham defender Vedran Corluka is also unlikely to play against Turkey in two vital qualifiers having been injured at a light training session. It adds to the problems Bilic is having preparing his side in the two crucial matches especially since the injured players are all defenders. Jurica Buljat

and Manuel Pamic are set to start against Turkey in defence with the return of the experienced Jerko Leko, the backline will be led by Joe Simunic and captain Darijo Srna. Up front the Croatian strikers are in form for their club sides with both Eduardo and Mandzukic scoring regularly and the two are full of confidence ahead of the two matches. "We will look at the first leg as if only match is being played as if it's a final, the atmosphere amongst the squad is great and I have a good feeling ahead of the matches that we will set ourselves a good result for the second leg. We have constantly been answering the critics and that's when we play at our best. We are impatiently waiting for the first match and I cannot wait for it." - Croatia Manager Slaven Bilic.

Turkey is having problems of their own as is Bosnia which takes on Portugal in Zenica then in Lisbon. The Zenica leg was sold out after only 45 minutes with all of Bosnia awaiting a positive result as the whole nation is positive ahead of the two matches and are almost certain the side deserves a place amongst the 16 best on the continent.

This has been the best generation of Bosnian players in the national side which came so close to reaching the World Cup where they lost out to Portugal in a play off so this time around the team is not playing just for a spot in the finals but a chance to get revenge over the Portuguese. Key players Zvezdan Misimovic, Emir Spahic and Edin Dzeko are all fully fit and set to start the match in Zenica.





ENGLAND EPL



	Last5games							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Manchester City	11	10	1	0	39	10	+29	31
2 Manchester United	11	8	2	1	28	12	+16	26
3 Newcastle United	11	7	4	0	17	8	+9	25
4 Chelsea	11	7	1	3	24	15	+9	22
5 Tottenham Hotspur	10	7	1	2	21	15	+6	22
6 Liverpool	11	5	4	2	14	10	+4	19
7 Arsenal	11	6	1	4	23	21	+2	19
8 Aston Villa	11	3	6	2	16	15	+1	15
9 Norwich City	11	3	4	4	16	18	-2	13
10 Swansea City	11	3	4	4	12	15	-3	13
11 Queens Park Ra...	11	3	3	5	10	20	-10	12
12 Stoke City	11	3	3	5	8	19	-11	12
13 Wolverhampton ...	11	3	2	6	12	18	-6	11
14 West Bromwich ...	11	3	2	6	9	16	-7	11
15 Sunderland	11	2	4	5	14	13	+1	10
16 Fulham	11	2	4	5	14	15	-1	10
17 Everton	10	3	1	6	11	15	-4	10
18 Bolton Wanderers	11	3	0	8	18	27	-9	9
19 Blackburn Rovers	11	1	3	7	13	24	-11	6
20 Wigan Athletic	11	1	2	8	7	20	-13	5

GERMANY Bundesliga



	Last5games							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Bayern München	12	9	1	2	32	4	+28	28
2 Borussia Dortmund	12	7	2	3	26	9	+17	23
3 Werder Bremen	12	7	2	3	23	16	+7	23
4 Borussia M'gla...	12	7	2	3	15	9	+6	23
5 Schalke 04	12	7	1	4	24	18	+6	22
6 Hannover 96	12	5	4	3	16	17	-1	19
7 Stuttgart	12	5	3	4	18	12	+6	18
8 Bayer Leverkusen	12	5	3	4	15	16	-1	18
9 Hoffenheim	12	5	2	5	15	13	+2	17
10 Hertha BSC	12	4	4	4	16	17	-1	16
11 Köln	12	5	1	6	20	26	-6	16
12 Kaiserslautern	12	3	4	5	10	15	-5	13
13 Wolfsburg	12	4	1	7	15	25	-10	13
14 Mainz 05	12	3	3	6	16	23	-7	12
15 Nürnberg	12	3	3	6	13	20	-7	12
16 Hamburger SV	12	2	4	6	15	25	-10	10
17 Freiburg	12	3	1	8	16	27	-11	10
18 Augsburg	12	1	5	6	9	22	-13	8

THE CHAMPIONSHIP



	Last5games							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Southampton	16	11	3	2	37	17	+20	36
2 West Ham United	16	9	4	3	28	13	+15	31
3 Middlesbrough	16	8	6	2	20	12	+8	30
4 Cardiff City	16	7	6	3	29	20	+9	27
5 Blackpool	16	7	4	5	26	19	+7	25
6 Crystal Palace	16	7	4	5	18	14	+4	25
7 Leeds United	16	7	4	5	26	25	+1	25
8 Derby County	16	7	3	6	22	23	-1	24
9 Hull City	15	7	3	5	14	15	-1	24
10 Brighton & Hov...	16	6	5	5	19	17	+2	23
11 Peterborough U...	16	7	1	8	32	29	+3	22
12 Leicester City	16	6	4	6	20	19	+1	22
13 Birmingham City	13	6	3	4	18	14	+4	21
14 Reading	16	5	6	5	16	15	+1	21
15 Ipswich Town	15	6	2	7	21	27	-6	20
16 Portsmouth	16	5	4	7	19	18	+1	19
17 Millwall	16	4	6	6	19	18	+1	18
18 Burnley	15	5	3	7	20	23	-3	18
19 Barnsley	16	4	6	6	17	21	-4	18
20 Nottingham Forest	16	5	2	9	15	27	-12	17
21 Watford	16	4	4	8	15	26	-11	16
22 Bristol City	16	3	4	9	14	27	-13	13
23 Coventry City	16	2	6	8	13	24	-11	12
24 Doncaster Rovers	16	3	3	10	13	28	-15	12

Greece Super League



	Last5games							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Panathinaikos	7	6	1	0	19	7	+12	19
2 Olympiakos Piraeus	7	5	2	0	16	9	+7	17
3 Atromitos	8	4	4	0	10	6	+4	16
4 AEK Athens	8	4	1	3	13	13	0	15
5 OFI	7	3	3	1	11	8	+3	12
6 Panaitolikos	7	3	2	2	9	7	+2	11
7 PAOK	9	3	2	4	10	10	0	11
8 PAS Giannina	7	2	3	2	8	8	+0	9
9 Ergotelis	9	2	3	4	9	13	-4	9
10 Xanthi	9	2	2	5	11	14	-3	8
11 Panionios	9	2	2	5	9	13	-4	8
12 Asteras Tripolis	7	1	3	3	7	4	+3	6
13 Aris	7	0	4	3	9	5	-4	3
14 Kerkyra	7	0	2	5	5	13	-8	2
15 Doxa Dramas	0	0	0	0	0	0	+0	0
16 Levadiakos	0	0	0	0	0	0	+0	0

SPAIN La Liga



	Last5games							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Real Madrid	10	8	1	1	32	6	+26	25
2 Barcelona	10	7	3	0	32	4	+28	24
3 Levante	10	7	2	1	17	7	+10	23
4 Valencia	10	6	3	1	15	9	+6	21
5 Sevilla	10	4	5	1	11	8	+3	17
6 Málaga	10	5	1	4	12	14	-2	16
7 Espanyol	10	5	0	5	9	13	-4	15
8 Osasuna	10	3	5	2	13	17	-4	14
9 Athletic Club	10	3	4	3	15	12	+3	13
10 Atlético Madrid	10	3	4	3	12	11	+1	13
11 Rayo Vallecano	10	3	3	4	10	13	-3	12
12 Real Betis	10	4	0	6	10	15	-5	12
13 Villarreal	10	2	4	4	9	17	-8	10
14 Mallorca	10	2	3	5	8	16	-8	9
15 Real Zaragoza	10	2	3	5	10	20	-10	9
16 Real Sociedad	10	2	2	6	9	14	-5	8
17 Sporting Gijón	10	2	2	6	8	14	-6	8
18 Racing Santander	10	1	5	4	7	15	-8	8
19 Granada	10	2	2	6	4	12	-8	8
20 Getafe	10	1	4	5	9	15	-6	7

HOLLAND Eredivisie



	Last5games							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 AZ	12	10	1	1	28	8	+20	31
2 Twente	12	7	4	1	32	12	+20	25
3 PSV	12	7	4	1	33	14	+19	25
4 Vitesse	12	6	3	3	18	12	+6	21
5 Ajax	12	5	5	2	32	20	+12	20
6 Heerenveen	12	5	5	2	25	19	+6	20
7 Groningen	12	5	3	4	22	18	+4	18
8 Feyenoord	12	5	3	4	21	17	+4	18
9 Heracles	12	4	4	4	18	18	0	16
10 NAC Breda	12	5	1	6	18	19	-1	16
11 Utrecht	12	4	3	5	22	22	0	15
12 RKC Waalwijk	12	4	2	6	12	19	-7	14
13 NEC	12	4	1	7	11	17	-6	13
14 ADO Den Haag	12	4	1	7	14	24	-10	13
15 Roda JC	12	4	0	8	15	33	-18	12
16 De Graafschap	12	2	3	7	11	26	-15	9
17 VVV	12	1	4	7	12	29	-17	7
18 Excelsior	12	1	3	8	7	24	-17	6

LEAGUE ONE



	Last5games							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Charlton Athletic	17	12	4	1	39	14	+25	40
2 Huddersfield Town	17	9	8	0	35	14	+21	35
3 Sheffield Wedn...	17	10	4	3	31	23	+8	33
4 Milton Keynes Dons	17	8	6	3	30	17	+13	30
5 Sheffield United	17	8	5	4	31	22	+9	29
6 Notts County	17	8	4	5	30	23	+7	28
7 Stevenage	17	7	5	5	24	18	+6	26
8 Tranmere Rovers	17	7	5	5	19	16	+3	26
9 Brentford	17	7	5	5	20	18	+2	26
10 Carlisle United	17	7	5	5	24	27	-3	26
11 Colchester United	17	5	8	4	25	24	+1	23
12 Hartlepool United	16	6	5	5	22	24	-2	23
13 Preston North End	16	7	2	7	31	34	-3	23
14 Oldham Athletic	17	6	4	7	22	27	-5	22
15 Bury	17	6	3	8	20	25	-5	21
16 AFC Bournemouth	17	5	4	8	21	26	-5	19
17 Scunthorpe United	17	3	9	5	23	25	-2	18
18 Leyton Orient	17	4	6	7	19	28	-9	18
19 Exeter City	17	4	4	9	15	28	-13	16
20 Walsall	17	3	6	8	16	21	-5	15
21 Rochdale	17	3	5	9	20	33	-13	14
22 Chesterfield	17	3	4	10	21	31	-10	13
23 Wycombe Wanderers	17	3	4	10	17	27	-10	13
24 Yeovil Town	17	2	6	9	18	28	-10	12

France Ligue 1



	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last5games Most recent first
1 PSG	13	9	3	1	26	11	+15	30	DWWWW
2 Montpellier	13	8	3	2	28	16	+12	27	DWWWD
3 Lille	13	6	6	1	22	13	+9	24	DDWWW
4 Olympique Lyon	13	7	2	4	21	15	+6	23	LWLWL
5 Stade Rennes	13	6	4	3	22	16	+6	22	DLWWL
6 Toulouse	13	6	4	3	13	12	+1	22	LWDDL
7 Lorient	13	5	5	3	15	12	+3	20	WLDLW
8 Olympique Mars...	13	4	6	3	17	14	+3	18	WWWDD
9 Caen	13	5	3	5	20	19	+1	18	WLDDD
10 Saint-Étienne	13	4	5	4	12	16	-4	17	DLWWD
11 Sochaux	13	4	5	4	20	25	-5	17	WDDLW
12 Auxerre	13	3	6	4	19	18	+1	15	WLDDD
13 Evian TG	13	2	7	4	15	18	-3	13	DWDLD
14 Bordeaux	13	2	7	4	15	19	-4	13	DWDLD
15 Brest	13	1	9	3	13	14	-1	12	LWDDD
16 Valenciennes	13	2	5	6	13	14	-1	11	DDLWL
17 Nice	13	2	5	6	12	14	-2	11	LDLWD
18 Nancy	13	2	5	6	10	16	-6	11	WLWLD
19 Dijon	13	3	2	8	13	28	-15	11	LLLLL
20 Ajaccio	13	1	4	8	10	26	-16	7	LLLLL





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